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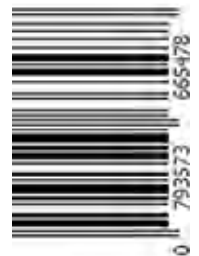
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Re-enactment of Red Hugh's death

Plans have been announced to mark the 420th anniversary of the death of Red Hugh O'Donnell in Valladolid in Spain where his remains are interred.

To commemorate the anniversary, a series of events have been organised between September 10th and 12th. The main event will be on the final evening with a spectacular display of 'wax lighting' taking place at nightfall when the re-enactment of Red Hugh's funeral will be the staged.

The weekend will include music, arts, lec-



tures, culture and drama along with a dramatic re-enactment of the Irish Cheiftain's funeral in 1602.

The Mayor of Valladolid will unveil a plaque and a number of Irish dignitaries are expected to be in attendance with their Hispanic counterparts.

Brendan Rohan from Creeslough (pictured left) is among a team of seven in the 'Valladolid 420' group that has been planning to mark Red Hugh's death and many from Ireland are expected to join them for the occasion.

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Cllrs back Mica campaign despite pressures in FF

The decision by Donegal's Mica Action Group to establish a political party will cause much soul-searching among the local grassroots where Fianna Fail and Fine Gael face a battle to retain their Dail seats - that was long before the new party was confirmed.

by **John McAteer**

Mica campaigners

ramped up political pressure over the weekend with Donegal's 37 county Cllrs given an ultimatum - 'show your support for the affected families and put the people before the party'.

Eventually all 37 voted to support the campaign. It is reported that pressure to back the party was strongest in Fianna Fail but the 'advice' put forward

was flatly rejected: according to political sources.

The new party will create a different narrative for the Donegal constituency and the intention is to contest the local elections in May 2024. A number of names, some prominent in other parties in Donegal are being mentioned as front runners for the new party in the next gen-

eral election.

However, Michael Doherty of MAG, said that such considerations are a bit further down the road and their concentration remains on the Defective Blocks Bill that is expected to be made into law by the end of next week.

It has been evident since last November, that there had been a serious loss of confi-

dence among the Mica campaigners in Donegal's two government deputies.

The decision to form a new party has been taken after much debate and it is seen as the opening of a new doorway of progress after all else has failed,

Now, the electorate across the Donegal constituency and twelve others will have

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Anna Gallagher from Gartan as Eva Peron in the musical Evita at the National Concert Hall in Dublin on Friday.

Report clears Council staff and Members

An external review of the purchase of five houses by Donegal County Council at An Crannla, Buncrana has found no evidence of wrongdoing by Local Authority officials or elected Members.

A Special Meeting of Donegal County will take place on Monday to discuss the report's contents.

The report was circulated to Cllrs. on Wednesday.

BDO, the Company that carried out the report found no evidence of corruption and was satisfied that documentary evidence demonstrated appropriate segregation of duties at each stage of the process. BDO said it was confident that there was no attempt to cover up or conceal evidence of

the status of the properties on the Council files.

BDO said they were also satisfied that consideration was given to the likely need for repairs following the geological tests that were undertaken before a decision was taken on whether the houses could be purchased.

However, the external review did find that the Council's written notification to the Department on the condition of the five houses could have included the details of the geological tests that the Council had carried out in 2019. BDO did note that in respect of new build houses which commenced being purchased by the

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Milford AC held their final draw in their Track Development fundraiser on Saturday night in the Travellers Inn with €10,000 given out. Club Chairman James Gibbons presenting the first prize of €5,000 to Moira Stilvern, Kerrykeel. Also included on left is Stephen Devlin, Bunlin who won €2,000 and Trevor and Kevin Murray, Kilmacrennan who won €3,000.

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GoFundMe for Ben McGarvey recovery

After eight surgeries in an effort to reduce the impact of life changing injuries, 20-year-old Ramelton man Ben McGarvey is making some minor progress in his recovery mission at Galway University Hospital. Meanwhile, his parents Mark and Carole continue to work preparing their home for the time when Ben will be able to return to the family. Carole McGarvey has set up a GoFundMe page to help with the considerable costs the family are facing to give Ben the best quality of life possible.

A target of €25,000 has been set. To date just over €11,500 has been raised. The family have been overwhelmed by all the support they have received since Ben suffered horrific injuries to his ankles and feet at a Motto-cross event in Letterkenny on May 8th. A review of Ben's case is scheduled to take place on Tuesday as to whether further surgery will be required.

Mark McGarvey told the Tribune that the news had become a little bit brighter over the past week. Circulation is slowly improving while Ben has got some sensation back in his lower limbs.

However, he has a long way to go and will require a lot of support to aid recovery. Ben is able to get out of bed which is also progress for him. Mum Carole said "Ben's been to surgery eight times and has spent some time in an oxygen chamber to help aid the healing of the flesh on his right foot and skin graft on the left. Still a long way to go but progress being made and thankfully Ben can now spend some time out of his hospital bed. The generosity that people have shown us has been wonderful and we are forever grateful to you all for donations and emotional support. We still have no idea of the time he will spend in Galway as there are still too many unknowns. Please continue to support the GoFundMe



page and to let you know again that we as a family are so thankful to you all."

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a chance to vote for a candidate representing those with mica infected blocks and this is most prevalent in the former Donegal NE constituency of Inishowen, Letterkenny and Milford where the tally figures show that 39,678 went to the polls in February 2020.

In this part of the constituency, the Sinn Fein vote was 17,586 with FF on 5,080. Fine Gael polled 1,632.

The pattern in Letterkenny and Milford saw the SF roller coaster ramp up really big figures.

The SF tally vote of 7,934 across Letterkenny-Milford was 5,425 in Letterkenny alone. The FF share of the vote was 3,216 and the FG tally was 3,799: the polled 2,188 in Letterkenny and for the second general election they failed to reach one first count quota.

Inishowen is the home territory of Minister Charlie McConalogue who will have a huge fight to retain the 10.8% share of his vote in 2020. The Inishowen FF vote of 28.5% at the last election was far short of their expectations and it is seen as vulnerable.

McConalogue got the final seat on a transfer of 1,162 from Independent Cllr. John O'Donnell's elimination. This crucial transfer saw him elected by a margin of 358 over Pat the Cope Galagher.

There were over 5,100 votes in Inishowen; Letterkenny and Milford for the 5 Independent candidates. Thomas Pringle got 794 and took

the third seat. However, John O'Donnell polled 3,861 and that will feed into the emerging political narrative.

The new party will fight for justice for victims of defective housing across the country. The initial statement came from groups in Donegal, Sligo, Mayo, Clare and Limerick.

This statement outlined their outright rejection of the proposed Defective Concrete Blocks Scheme unless amendments were approved, a condemnation of the irresponsible and unnecessarily rushed legislative process designed to crush debate, and an outline of the contemptuous treatment of affected homeowners from this Government and its officials.

The statement added "Affected homeowners, with their lives devastated by this scandalous injustice, have pleaded with their local Government TDs for parliamentary support. It is clear, however, that those with the clout to help refuse to do so and are indifferent to the fate of their distressed constituents. Government Ministers and TDs words and pledges on this crisis are revealed as empty platitudes. The events of the last week, in particular, have exposed the Government TDs true colours and loyalties - and it is not to their people.

Government TDs in the affected counties have made a conscious decision to put their Party Before their People. A decision that has sealed their fate come election time.

We have exhausted all avenues to work with local and national government to no avail. We afforded the Government every opportunity to work with us to fix this scheme, it is now clear we must take the necessary steps to fix this ourselves."

On July 4th the Action Groups registered their intentions with the Office of the Registrar of Political Parties at Leinster House to establish a political party to contest the next General and Local Elections.

"It is our intention to run candidates in all affected counties in the Local and National Elections. Four counties are now on the Defective Concrete Block Scheme. However, we know based on our research, this problem is manifesting in 13 counties so far. We will be making contact with victims in these other affected counties to establish Action Groups and asking each group to work under the umbrella of this new political party. We will also be making contact with campaigners who are fighting in our cities for remediation of thousands of defective apartments and town houses.

We will now mobilise our campaign towards running candidates in each of the 13 affected counties and major cities and we are confident, we will succeed.

Now is the time for all those who are suffering as a result of ineffective Government 'light-touch' regulation and corporate neglect to come together to demand justice, and for our homes, properties and lives to be restored," said the statement.

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It is anticipated that officials and the Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council will be invited and correspondence has also been sent to President Higgins.

Mr. Rohan said that on last Friday it was agreed with Valladolid City Council, to coincide the commemorative parade at dusk on September 12th, with the Mayor's unveiling of a new plaque mentioning Red Hugh O'Donnell and Christopher Columbus (buried in the same Chapel of Wonders) at the excavation site on Calle Constitution.

Mr. Rohan said that he always had a dream to walk the Camino, so Marina and himself walked that way on their honeymoon when he got out of hospital in 2019, to raise funds for Cancer Care West.

"But whilst walking" he added, "I was caught by a new dream."

"Red Hugh O'Donnell who fought so valiantly to prevent the overthrow of our old Gaelic order in the 16th century; also travelled that same route, some 400 years before us, and who died aged only 29, on 10th September 1602, in the King of Spain's private chapel, in Simancas Castle near Valladolid and with him an Irish dream died. Or did it?"

This inspired Brendan to go down to Valladolid, in the vain hope of finding the lost tomb of Red Hugh O'Donnell, King of Tyrconnail.

"Somehow I inspired the Director of Culture and Tourism Mr Juanma Juanma Guimerans Rubio that to find Red Hugh's tomb was a worthy pursuit. Within a few months, the archaeological excavation began. It was their Valladolid researcher,

Oscar Buron Rodrigo, who first sent me a copy of the Annals of the Four Masters.

It was in the palace of the King of Spain himself, in the town of Simancas he died. His body was then taken to Valladolid, to the King's Court, in a four-wheeled hearse, with great numbers of State officers, of the Council, and the Royal Guard all round it, with blazing torches and bright flambeaux of beautiful wax lights blazing all round on each side of it. He was buried after that in the Chapter of the Monastery of St Francis with great honour and respect and in the most solemn manner any Gael ever before had been interred. Masses, and many hymns, chants, and sweet canticles were offered for the welfare of his soul, and his requiem was celebrated as befitting his nobility."

This led to making a case to the Director of Culture and Tourism in June 2020 to try to re-enact the iconic funeral honours extended to our national hero in Valladolid.

The purpose was to raise further awareness of the Red Hugh story but also, to attempt to repay Valladolid and its City Council for all the work they had done, in this and in a previous century, for our national hero.

By now however, there was a growing interest in Ireland, a Valladolid 420 support group was formed to progress the idea. With incred-



ible input from the President of the Hispano-Ireland Association, Carlos Burgos, we recently gathered a nucleus of enthusiastic and accomplished volunteers to create a weekend festival of music, arts, cultural and historical lectures and seminars, built around the re-enactment theme.

One of the key opening events planned for 10th Sept will be a commemorative remembrance of Red Hugh's death, in the actual private chapel in Simancas Castle where he died, on the exact 420th anniversary.

The final commemorative event will be a Parade on the evening of 12th September, from The Royal Palace in central Valladolid where Red Hugh was waked, to the site of his honourable and solemn interment. The Parade will comprise two main elements.

The leading element will be a modern portrayal of who we are, followed by a Colour Party of the

Irish tricolour, and the Spanish flag to demonstrate our current, Hispano-Irish connectedness.

Behind the hearse, a riderless horse will be led by a Groom. In the stirrups, the long leather boots are traditionally reversed; a poignant reminder of the fallen hero.

Next, a standard bearer carrying the O'Donnell arms and finally, a group of Franciscans, the leader of whom will be carrying a representation of the Cathach, the famous, sacred scriptures and 'Battle Book' of the O'Donnells.

Mr. Rohan added "Since Valladolid City Council have incurred all expenditure so far, we are hopeful that Irish, national and local government institutions will not leave it to us personally to shoulder all the costs involved in hiring the horses and catering for the Irish and Spanish re-enactors.

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Dean Vaughan, Tyroddy, Ramelton who received a first Class Honours Masters in Education from Maynooth University. Dean is a past pupil of Browneknowe National School and Mulroy College, Milford.

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Council in 2021 such information is being provided to the Department.

Inishowen Labour Cllr Martin Farren told the Tribune that he was never in any doubt that the outcome of the review would exonerate all the elected members and officials of any wrongdoing regarding the Council's purchasing of the five houses in Buncrana.

Cllr Farren said he would take time to read the report in full before making any further comment.

The five houses were acquired at a cost of €600,000, with funding from the Department of Housing in early 2021. Refurbishment works were priced at €68,650. It is understood the Council had decided to buy the houses from a developer who was selling the properties as there were a number of long-term tenants in the houses who had a 10-year lease agreement.

Under the Social Housing Capital Programme, local authorities have had delegated powers to acquire properties that they themselves identify as suitable, value for money and compliant with building regulations.

coming to join us in this momentous endeavour," he added.

Following an extensive archaeological dig at the site of the Chapel of Marvells in 2020 underneath the present day Santander bank no matching data was discovered to finally identify the burial place of the Donegal Chieftain.

While archaeologists are 'quite sure' that Red Hugh is buried on the site, the final search was postponed to protect existing structures nearby. DNA samples taken from the dig failed to provide a definitive answer to the burial site. After a week-long excavation of Constitution Street in Valladolid in 2020 has revealed the walls of what is believed to be the Chapel of Marvells where O'Donnell was buried were revealed.

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Gartan Girl stars as Eva Peron

Gartan girl Anna Gallagher dazzled as one of three Eva Perons in the musical Evita at the National Concert Hall on Friday night accompanied by the National



Symphony Orchestra. The show was directed by Donegal Town native Séimí Campbell with John Rigby conducting. Joining Anna on stage as one of Eva Peron's was Rebecca Storm the British singer and musical theater actress. Her 1985 hit single "The Show" was the theme to the ITV television series Connie. Evita was originally directed by Harold Prince. It concentrates on the life of Argentine political leader Eva Perón, the second wife of Argentine president Juan Perón. The story follows Evita's early life, rise to power, charity work, and death.

The National Symphony Orchestra partnered with Irish Youth Musical for the concert performance on Friday night. The original music was by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. Anna Gallagher was chosen from hundreds who auditioned for the role.

Anna, a primary school teacher in Termon NS has appeared in many Donegal Youth Musical Theater musicals. She played Judas in JCS and Madam Giri in 'The Phantom of the Opera'. Anna has also been on stage in many other roles Encore PA and the Letterkenny Musical Society. She is the daughter of Deirdre and Bernard Gallagher from Gartan.

Séimí Campbell is Artistic Director of Irish Youth Musical Theater, and co-founder of Trinity Musical Theatre. He is a guest lecturer at Trinity College Dublin.

his new play 'The wife and me... and my sex doll Ruby', premiered in Belfast in 2022. Mark has recently been commissioned by the BBC and worked on 'The Break' and 'Soft Border Patrol'.

BBC Writersroom are working with the cohort to hone their craft skills and industry knowledge and apply their learning and creativity to the creation of treatment documents for new and original series ideas.

Emerging local writing talent feature in BBC 'Voices'

Donegal authors have featured in this year's "BBC Writersroom Voices 2022" for emerging writing talent.

A Rathmullan author and educator Karen Quinn is among 69 emerging writers to take part in this year's "Voices" cohort.

A former student at Loreto Convent in Letterkenny, as well as a member of the Youth Theatre at An Grianan Theatre, she has been involved in

Between March and June this year the writers have participated in a range of craft workshops, expert masterclasses and panels with writers including Alice Seabright, Tony Schumacher, Daragh Carville and Lisa Holdsworth, plus industry talks from agents, producers and key industry organisations.

BBC Writers stated: "Karen Quinn is an award winning writer and educator based in Donegal. She was longlisted for the Mammoth Screen TV



Writer's Award 2021, and twice shortlisted for the Sir Peter Ustinov Television Scriptwriting award run by the International Emmy Committee, in both 2014 and 2015. She was also the winner and recipient of the Northern Ireland Comedy Writers programme in 2016, organised by Grand Scheme

Media, and a shortlisted writer and director for Jameson First Shot 2016. She has toured her writing both nationally and internationally. She is also a published children's writer, with her work broadcast on television and published in short story collections. At the moment, her main focus of creative work is on young women's mental health."

Donegal born author Mark Kavanagh is a graduate from the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) and has worked as an actor in the UK and Ireland. Mark has always written extensively and for the theatre wrote/directed 'Mad North Northwest', 'Cold Snap', 'Wake', 'A Noose for Hanratty', and 'Ratchet'. Mark moved to Northern Ireland from London in 2019 and

Donegal celebrates Traveller Pride

Donegal Travellers Project, supported by the Donegal County Museum and Creative Ireland, would like to invite members of the public to visit the Traveller Pride photographic exhibition 'Still here Still Proud - Traveller Pride in Donegal' which will be showcased in the County Museum, High Road, Letterkenny, from the 11th of July until the 22nd of July.

To mark Traveller Pride in 2022 this collection of photographs will tell stories of Traveller identity,

history, culture and shows the deep roots of Traveller Pride across Donegal. 'As a human rights activist and Traveller women it is important to celebrate and promote our culture and history' says Ann Friel Donegal Travellers Assistant Project Manager - 'Our photographs demonstrate our distinctness and the diversity within the community'

Donegal Travellers Project is proud to be showcasing this collection of photographs in the County Museum as it provides a timely and much-needed

opportunity to promote diversity, respect and inclusion across Donegal. 'This collection celebrates Traveller women, Traveller men and children and puts a unique value on the traditions and culture of the Traveller community in particular exploring the importance of religion, identity and heritage in Donegal' Ann Friel highlights.

The exhibition will bring the public on a journey showcasing the many stories through photographs of Travellers who live in Donegal while celebrating and marking on a local level

Traveller pride. Ann comments 'The struggle for Traveller Rights makes us who we are today - a resilient community who has protected our culture and identity over decades.'

This exhibition highlights the unique pride and identity Travellers have in Donegal and celebrates the culture, heritage and history across Donegal.

The exhibition will be launched on the 11th of July at 3pm and will run for two weeks only. For further information contact Hugh Friel on 0861453426.

Donegal Mountain Rescue Team in night-long call out

Volunteers from the Donegal Mountain Rescue Team assisted the Coast Guard 118 helicopter when a walker got into difficulty in the Blue Stack Mountains on Sunday.

The helicopter team required the assistance of the team when they arrived at the scene but had difficulty extracting the walker from the area in an operation that lasted more than eight hours.

The Donegal Mountain Rescue Team also tasked the Sligo-Leitrim Mountain Rescue in accessing the patient before they could be airlifted and brought to hospital for treatment.

The DMRT stated: "At 21:15 on Sunday evening, DMRT were tasked by An Garda Síochána to assist a male casualty who was experiencing severe difficulty in the Bluestack Mountains. On route, the team were notified that Rescue 118 were on the scene but were unable to extract the casualty. DMRT tasked Sligo Leitrim Mountain Rescue Team to assist.

Donegal MRT departed their vehicles at the rendezvous point and, after an extremely difficult hike due to weather and terrain, located the casualty at 01:20 hours.

After assessing the casualty, it was agreed that ex-

traction from that location would not be possible at that time and so, after communication with Malin Head Coast Guard and further assessment of the casualty, it was decided that the team would stay on the hill until it was more suitable to evacuate. Sligo-Leitrim were stood down at approx 02:00 hours. Communications continued with Malin Head C.G throughout the night regarding the casualty's condition. At 05:00, the team successfully tasked 118 to their location and at approximately 07:30, the casualty was airlifted.

DMRT returned to base and the team stood down at 08:47 this morning.

Our sincerest thanks to Sligo-Leitrim MRT, to the Coastguard, An Garda Síochána and Rescue 118 for their help and tremendous work last night."

They added they thank the staff and crew at Sligo Airport for their tremendous work and efforts during this call-out. They asked the public to support their work in the future via www.idonate.ie/dmrt/293/donate

"Please donate to the team if you can so we can continue to help those who need our assistance," they added.



Croke Park brawl

We are nearly two weeks on from the brawl at full-time in the Galway-Armagh All-Ireland Quarter Final. The event is still talked about. Despite that, the seriousness doesn't seem to be fully grasped.

The GAA is the largest sporting organisation in Ireland. That gives it a duty to set an example. Young people don't slavishly follow footballers. They do look up to them. More than that, top footballers are public figures. They set a certain standard of what is, and is not, acceptable behaviour.

I don't agree very much with Minister Catherine Martin. She was right to say: "The eye-gouging incident is appalling stuff. Families go to these games... I know of a 5-year-old who was at that yesterday, their first match experience."

If someone did that in the street or in a pub, they would face criminal charges. They would definitely be at risk of a prison sentence. I cover local courts. I have seen defendants jailed for less. The brawl and eye-gouging were televised. There is no need for a big trawl for witnesses. For whatever reason, there seems to have been no criminal investigation in this matter. This was a general brawl. Armagh were the main culprits but Galway were far from blameless.

What makes matters worse is the self-justification. Armagh's Tiernan Kelly was the eye-gouger. His home club, Clann Éireann in Lurgan, issued a statement on their Facebook page. "The vilification of Tiernan on social media over the last few days has been both unjust and unfair," they wrote. "Tiernan has been, and always will be, a great ambassador for our club. Anyone who knows him, will know the dedication and hard work he puts into both his club and county, along with the time he spends coaching and encouraging our young Gaels. His dedication to the GAA, both on

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There were no criminal charges.

the field and behind the scenes, has been nothing short of amazing. One moment does NOT define a man."

The club, and the writer in particular, have clearly forgotten one of the big rules of life. When in a hole, stop digging. Silence is much better. Some of the most awful crimes are committed by very nice people. I accept Kelly puts a lot of work into his club. I accept he is a voluntary coach of young players. His club must accept he is not a very good example to them.

It is, of course, fair to say Armagh has a reputation for being physical, at best. They have been successful. Sometimes I'd have reservations as to how they achieved that success. In the noughties they dominated Ulster, though they only won one All-Ireland.

But it is dangerous to generalise too much. Sports pundit Colm O'Rourke has slammed Armagh for "pure thuggery." Speaking of a series of incidents, he said: "The common denominator unfortunately in this has been Armagh."

O'Rourke is a Meath man. He has strangely forgotten the All-Ireland semi-final of 1996. The previous year, Dublin had beaten Tyrone by a point in the final. Tyrone were again showing great promise in 1996. Meath forgot the niceties of football that year. They played the man, not the ball, against Tyrone. Unfortunately they were successful, and won. Unfortunately that win-at-all-costs mentality is common enough. Kerry are presented as the aristocrats of

football. It's clean, flowing football. Pat Spillane earns a living by exploding at 'puke football'.

Excuse me while I have a good puke. The big Antrim team of 1940s and early 1950s was one of the best that never won an All-Ireland. The older generation speak glowingly of them. In the infamous 1946 semi-final Kerry kicked Antrim off Croke Park. The Ulstermen got no great protection from the referee. Kerry were pillars of the GAA Establishment. Thus they were protected.

Thuggery is definitely tolerated at club level. Cavan were the traditional football purists of Ulster. One club in South Cavan, had great success in club championships. If a visiting team were winning, the home supporters invaded the pitch and beat the visitors up. Visiting teams learnt the lesson.

Thirty-seven years ago there was the infamous case of the 'referee in the boot'. This was after a Wicklow Under 21B football final. Even Wicklow GAA true believers would believe this is not the most important trophy in Gaelic Football. After the match, the referee was locked in the boot of a car.

The following year Wicklow featured again. They played Laois in the Leinster championship. Laois were National League champions. They seemed poised to do great things. Wicklow won a brutal game. Five were sent off. A Wicklow player broke the nose of a Laois player with his elbow. The referee took no action.

At the end, the Laois and Wicklow officials had to escort the referee away from the field. The Laois supporters intended serious injury.

And it is dangerous to see this as just a male matter. Some years ago there was a Wicklow county camogie final. It was abandoned when all 30 players stopped playing and became involved in a mass brawl.

The 'win at all costs' mentality doesn't necessarily bring results. Kerry, despite appearances, has some useful hurlers. There are two very strong hurling parishes in the north of the county. When they play each other, the games are very physical. From a cynical point of view that has damaged the progress of hurling in Kerry. After all, a dozen years before Kerry won their first All-Ireland at football, they had won an All Ireland in hurling.

It is also foolish to blame youth.

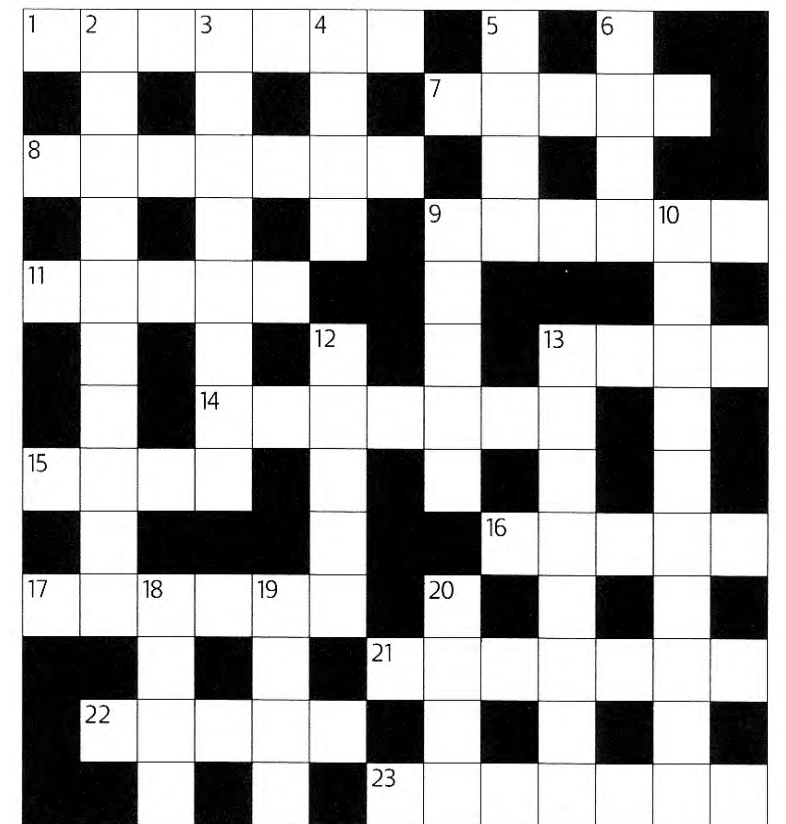


By Anton McCabe

There was a Tyrone Ladies' final a few years ago. At the end, some spectators knocked the referee unconscious. I foolishly thought it was boyfriends or brothers. The culprits were two middle-aged men. There were no criminal charges.

For all our image of ourselves, Ireland has historically quite violent. That was not just political. There was an acceptance of domestic violence, and beating children at home and school. Maybe we have yet to tackle those issues.

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- 1. Joy (7)
- 7. Profess (5)
- 8. Speak falteringly (7)
- 9. Exchange (6)
- 11. Tuna fish (5)
- 13. Yearn (4)
- 14. Milk pudding ingredient (7)
- 15. Gershwin musical, ___, Be Good! (4)
- 16. Reproductive cell (5)
- 17. Garb (6)
- 21. Popular newspaper (7)
- 22. Neckerchief (5)
- 23. The structure of organisms (7)

Down

- 2. Fanatic (10)
- 3. Exemption (8)
- 4. Part of the foot (4)
- 5. Scratch (4)
- 6. Droop (4)
- 9. Actor, ___ Mac Corkindale (5)
- 10. Combination of businesses (10)
- 12. Comedian, ___ Milligan (5)
- 13. Leaflet (8)
- 18. Small nail (4)
- 19. Uncommon (4)
- 20. Goldie ___, actress (4)

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Concern at Killahoey littering



Broken seats and bottles on the beach at Dunfanaghy highlighted by local Cllr. Michael McClafferty.

There has been strong condemnation of an act of dangerous littering at one of the area's most popular beaches.

Last week, revelers left a string of rubbish including broken chairs and bottles at Killahoey beach in Dunfanaghy.

Local area Councillor Michael McClafferty said the incident posed a serious risk to beach goers and needs to be stamped out.

Cllr McClafferty condemned that incident where broken chairs and glass bottles were strewn between the beach and road leading to the Golf Club in the early hours of last Wednesday Thurs-

day morning. He outlined that the Blue Flag beach is popular with locals and visitors alike including walkers, runners and horse riding enthusiasts. He appealed for those who carried out the littering to think of their actions and consider the impact on others, especially young children, who could be seriously injured by broken glass. He stated "This is not acceptable going forward." He added that he would appeal for people to take their rubbish home from the beach at the end of the day and to avail of recycle bins that are provided locally.

Lack of Red Cross response to Ukraine crisis: Cllr

Many individuals expressing an interest in providing accommodation for Ukrainian families are expressing frustration with the lack of response from organisations like the Red Cross. That's according to Cllr Michael McBride who raised the matter at a meeting that was held to specifically update elected members on the Ukrainian accommodation situation and the services that were being provided by various statutory agencies and voluntary bodies.

Cllr McBride said he is awaiting a response from the Council on contact details so that people interested in offering accommodation can engage and have their applications assessed.

"It appears a bit like a closed shop at the moment. People that are prepared to take in two or three Ukrainians are telling me that they have contacted the Red Cross but have heard no word back.

Others with larger properties that could take bigger numbers are experiencing the same problem. We really need some transparency on the way expressions of interest are being managed. It's not acceptable that people who are prepared to make rooms available in their own homes are not getting a decent response. It's the same for those bigger properties. I am waiting on answers from the Council on the best access to those with responsibility for organising placements for Ukrainian families."

Cllr McBride said it would also be important to plan the distribution of Ukrainian children where possible to smaller schools that were struggling for numbers and away from others that were finding it hard to cope with the jump in class sizes.

Cllr McBride says he wants information on what

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other bodies if any are involved in accommodation provision apart from the Red Cross. The Citizens Information website states that if you have vacant property or a spare room in your home, you can offer it to help accommodate a refugee. The Irish Red Cross will match the accommodation you offer with someone who has just arrived in Ireland. Those interested can go to the 'I want to help' menu on the website as well as also finding out how to pledge accommodation.

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Speaking about the upcoming Open Evening, Andrea McBride, head of

the TCS Global Delivery Centre in Letterkenny said, "We are creating high-value employment opportunities across a variety of roles and disciplines, including cybersecurity, cloud services, project management, data analytics, customer service and IT helpdesk. At TCS, we place a huge focus on career support and development, striving to be a great environment in which to work."

If you are interested in joining a global company with a major presence in the North West of Ireland and which provides the opportunities to grow and develop your career in the technology sector, TCS invites you to come along to their Careers Open Evening in their Letterkenny office.

At the Careers Open Evening you will have the opportunity to speak with IT and Customer Services Specialists to learn more about the roles and opportunities available in the TCS Global Delivery Centre.

You can pre-register for the Open Evening at <http://openevening.tcs-careers.ie>

For anyone unable to attend in person, you can still upload your CV to the Open Evening portal and the TCS recruitment team will be in touch.



Maggie, Charlie and Patsy McDaid at the Wild Geese Skydiving Centre in Garvagh last Friday where they completed a parachute jump. It was in aid of TJ Needham McDaid fundraising and they really appreciate everyone who has donated so far. Donations are still being accepted as they are only half way to €100,000 mark which is needed! So if anyone wishes to donate or help organise a fundraiser they can contact any of the McDaid family or donate through PayPal Margaret McDaid or gofundme let's get TJ walking.

Ramelton Country Market 45 years old

The Ramelton Country Market will be celebrating its 45th Birthday this Saturday 9th July. A great market guaranteed. We will have all our own producers, bakers and crafts people, plus we will be joined by several local crafts people to ensure a lovely selection of handmade crafts are available on the day. Light lunches will be available in our Tea-room along with our usual scones and sweet treats. We will have musical entertainment thanks to excellent local musicians. A good day to be had by all. Starting time 10.30am until 1.30pm.

Preorders on 087 9699715 for collection during market hours. Come along and enjoy the morning. See you there.

Yoga with Jane

Yoga with Jane in the Ray Community Centre on Saturdays from 10-11

starting this week the 9th July. €10 and BRING OWN MATS /PROPS if possible. ALL levels welcome include beginners. 086 8367776 to book or for more info.

Death of 1962 FAI Cup winner

The sporting community in Ramelton was saddened to learn of the death of Liam Blake, a member of the history making Swilly Rovers side who became the first team from Donegal to win the FAI. Swilly was leading 2-1 against Cork side Castleview when Liam scored the decisive third goal at Dalymount Park.

Swilly Rovers F.C. expressed their sympathy to the Blake family. "Deepest condolences to the family of Liam Blake, who has sadly passed away in Letterkenny, from all here at Swilly. Liam Blake was an FAI Junior Cup winner with Swilly Rovers FC in 1962 and scored in the final. He

will forever be remembered in our history."

Liam Blake was laid to rest in Conwal Cemetery on Tuesday following Requiem Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral.

Community Games County Finals

The Community Games County Art Finals were held in Mount Errigal



ABOVE - Rally driver Gary Jennings presenting first prize in the Ramelton Festival RNLi Soap Box Derby on Sunday to winner Brendan Friel. Also included are Paul Sheridan, 2nd and Michael Carr and Dean Wilson 3rd with Festival Chairman PJ Bonner and Vice Chairman Paul McCahill.

RIGHT - Brendan Friel on his way to winning the race.

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Helen Crerand and Emily Harte from the Quayside Bistro, Ramelton presenting the proceeds of €244 from their Coffee Morning in aid of the Ramelton Tidy Towns accepted by members Patricia Roche, Joe Birney and Tony Boyce.

Hotel on Sunday. The standard of work by all children was exceptional. Congratulations to all children from the Ramelton area.

Winners were as follows:

- U8 art boys : 4th Jasper Coll
- U8 art girls: 3rd Megan Boyce
- U10 art girls: 1st Clíodhna Coyle
- U10 handwriting: 3rd Abbie Boyce

SVP Conference

The Ramelton St. Vincent de Paul are always here to help and Conference members can be contacted via their dedicated phone number 087 143 6640. All queries will be dealt with in a strictly confidential manner. The Ramelton SVP very much appreciates the community's continued support.

Swilly lotto

The numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto on Friday were 3, 7, 15 & 19. No jackpot winners. There were two 3 number winners A. O'Donnell, Ballyheerin, Fannad and Edward Boyce, Ramelton. This week's jackpot is €4,925.

Care of the Aged help

The Ramelton Care Of The Aged Committee hope that all the seniors in our community are keeping safe and well. If there is anything or if you know of anyone that might need help contact Chris 9151799 or Patricia 0861618687.



Sections of the attendance enjoying the Ramelton Festival RNLi Soap Box Derby on Sunday

Ramelton boys at Craigavon Cup



Three Ramelton boys... all Swilly Rovers underage players were in action at the Craigavon Cup on Saturday. Goalkeeper Charlie Martin representing Finn Harps 2010s were beaten in the final by former team mate Ollie Harte's Maiden City. Another Ramelton boy Jamie O'Donnell (left) featured in the U12 competition with the Finn Harps 2011s who won the shield.



Milford man open international celebrations



Milford-based uilleann player and maker, Martin Crossin, led the celebrations as Donegal musicians celebrated international success. Martin (above with organiser Sean Hillen), renowned for his skill on the ancient pipes, opened the 'Fiddles & Faeries' Awards for Excellence event at Leo's Tavern this

week. A Donegal teenager beat a host of international musicians from countries such as Japan, Iceland, England, Scotland, the US, Canada, Wales to win the inaugural 'Fiddles & Faeries' fiddle-playing competition. The announcement was made this week before an enthusiastic au-

dience at a lively 'Awards for Excellence' event. The competition was organised by Sean Hillen who lives in Bun na Leaca. Neil Kennedy, from Dungloe, a 16-year-old transition student at the Rosses Community School, said, "I'm absolutely delighted to receive this award, especially as there were so many excellent musicians from different countries who entered. 'The Fiddles and Faeries' competition is a great idea as it highlights not just fiddle-playing worldwide as a strong cultural tradition dating back centuries, but also Donegal's own rich cultural history of which fiddle playing is a key element."

Among the local finalists were Donegal's Seamus McGee (Falcarragh), Ella Bruton (Inver), Sophie Ferry (Coolboy), Megan Nic Fhionnghaile (Gaoth Dobhair) and Jamesie Wray (Dunfanaghy).



Mervyn and Claire Hutton from the Donegal Shore, Aughnagaddy, Ramelton raised €1850 at the Open Garden in aid of the RNLI on Sunday presenting the proceeds to John McCarter of the RNLI. The winner of the lovely hand turned wooden sycamore bowl was Denis McGettigan of Kerrykeel.



Avril Murray has retired from the Ramelton Community Playgroup recently and she is pictured with Liz Bryant, Norma Wilson and Margaret Murray at a going away party in her honour.



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Dubs date for Donegal Ladies

The Donegal Ladies take on Dublin in an All Ireland Football Championship Quarter-Final this Saturday afternoon in Carrick-on-Shannon (2.00 throw-in). Maxi Curran's side would certainly be happy with a repeat of the National League semi-final result back in March when late goals from Emma McCroary and Yvonne Bonner stunned the pre-match favourites. However, there was to be disappointment as Donegal went on to lose the final against Meath.

The winner of Saturday's tie will face the side that comes out on top in the quarter-final between Galway and All Ireland champions Meath. Curran will have to plan without Bláthnaid McLaughlin who has suffered a season-ending cruciate knee injury. The Moville woman was forced off after just six minutes of the game against Waterford in Birr. McLaughlin has been a regular starter this season. The Donegal boss will be hoping that the experienced Karen Guthrie is fit to play the full game. Emer Gallagher has been back playing with Termon so it will be interesting to see whether she has enough game-time to feature at all on Saturday.

It's going to be a very tall order for Donegal to repeat that win over the Dubs in Clones back in the middle of March. It ended in a dramatic 2-8 to 1-10 victory. It was a truly remarkable end to their semi-final clash as Curran's side was trailing by five points with just two minutes left on the clock when sub McCroary palmed home a goal and from the resultant kick-out a calamitous er-

ror saw Yvonne Bonner capitalise to effectively walk the ball into an empty net.

Donegal have had more than their share of bad luck in big games but in Clones they deservedly and clinically took advantage of the good fortune that came their way especially for that second goal. With a strong wind at their backs Donegal only led 0-7 to 1-2 at the break in Clones. Dublin with four unanswered points were two in front approaching the hour mark at St Tiernach's Park. Curran's side registered just one point in the second half against an extremely difficult breeze. Scores from Sinead Ahern and Hannah Tyrell put the Dubs 1-10 to 0-8 ahead going into the last three minutes. Five points behind it didn't look at all for Donegal but those two goals made it a finish that will live long in the memory. The Donegal team and scorers that day in Clones were Roisin McCafferty; Shauna McFadden, Evelyn McGinley, Niamh Boyle; Niamh Carr, Shelly Twohig, Tara Hegarty; Nicole McLaughlin, Roisin Rodgers; Katie Herron Niamh McLaughlin, Yvonne Bonner (1-2); Blathnaid McLaughlin Karen Guthrie (0-3, 2f) Geraldine McLaughlin (0-3, 3f). Subs: Amy Boyle Carr for McCafferty (35) Suzanne White for B. McLaughlin (40), Emma McCroary (1-0) for Hegarty (53)

Saturday July 9
2022 TG4 All-Ireland SFC quarter-finals
Dublin v Donegal; Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada, Carrick-on-Shannon, 2pm - Live on Spórt TG4 YouTube

Donegal 1982 U21 winners function



Almost 40 years ago the Donegal's U21 side brought the first adult county All-Ireland title to Donegal. In memory of that historic victory a reunion function will be held on Friday 7th October in the Abbey Hotel Donegal Town, to honour the occasion. The victory on the 17th of October 1982 in the final was over Roscommon in Carrick-on-Shannon with Donegal Town man Tom Conaghan being the manager of that history making squad. That triumph planted the seeds for the long-awaited 1992 capture of the Sam Maguire. Speaking this week the captain on that historic occasion, Brian Touhy, said he welcomed the idea saying it was difficult to realise that it was 40 years ago. There has been great excitement with the news that this is going to happen, and he outlined that he had been in contact

with the players and management and they are all keen to attend, and meet up once again. There were some great footballers and no shortage of characters in the group and many of them went on to take part in the first visit of Sam Maguire to Donegal 10 years later, in 1992.

County chairperson Mick McGrath has met the group and fully endorses the re-union saying we must never forget the first inter county All-Ireland that came to Donegal. "We have had some great moments since that day in Carrick-on-Shannon and I'm sure the local print and radio press will give it its due recognition. Tables of 10 are available at €1000 and individual tickets are available at €100. You can order your tickets through administrator.donegal@gaa.ie or simply ringing Noreen Doherty at the GAA Office Convooy on 9101409

Cork v Mayo; Cusack Park, Ennis, 3pm - Live on Spórt TG4 YouTube
Armagh v Kerry; Bord na Móna O'Connor Park, Tullamore, 5pm - Live on TG4
Galway v Meath; Bord na Móna O'Connor Park, Tullamore, 7.15pm - Live on TG4

Community Games Art and Handwriting Finals

The Donegal Community Games Art and Handwriting County Finals took place in the Mount Errigal Hotel Letterkenny on Sunday. Well Done to all the children who took part. The winners of each category will now go through to the national finals in Carlow on the weekend of the 27th/28th August. Good luck to all the winners.



Conan Doherty (Fanad) U8 Boy art winner with runner-up Marc Edwards (Rathmullan) and Cathal Hagan at the Community Games County Finals.

- Art results**
U8 Girls
1. Grace Burke Ballyshannon
2. Sadbhb O'Donnell Bundoran
3. Megan Boyce Ramelton
4. Charlotte Edwards Milford
U8 Boys
1. Conan Doherty Fanad
2. Marc Edwards Milford
3. Adam Doogan Ballyshannon
4. Callum Daly Bundoran and Jasper Coll Ramelton
U10 Girls
1. Cliodhna Coyle Ramelton
2. Meedee Leslie Ballyshannon
3. Hannah Gallagher Milford
U10 Boys
1. Cormac Coyle Ballyshannon
2. Devin Ward Bundoran
U12 Girls
1. Sadbha Keon Ballyshannon
2. Zarhina Carr Bundoran
3. Lilly Gallagher Milford
U12 Boys
1. Johnny Gallagher Milford
2. Ronan O'Donnell
3. Cormac Lynch
U14 Girls
1. Chloe Kennedy Ballyshannon
2. Lola Nash Milford
3. Pola Krystyna Chochorowska Bundoran
U16 Girls
1. Samaire Fern Ballyshannon

- Handwriting**
U10 Boys
1. Michael Burke Ballyshannon
2. Loran Brunty Bundoran
U10 GIRLS
1. Arshi Saini Bundoran
2. Katie McLaughlin Ballyshannon
3. Abbie Boyce
U12 Boys
1. Colin Doogan Ballyshannon
2. Adam Montgomery Milford
U12 Girls
1. Bethany McNamee Ballyshannon
2. Clara Delaney Bundoran



Johnny Gallagher (Milford) winner of the U12 Art with Cathal Hagan at the Community Games County Finals on Sunday in the Mount Errigal Hotel
2. Clara Delaney Bundoran

Book Review by Connie McGranaghan

Invisible Girl Lisa Jewell



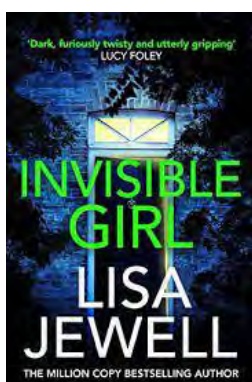
Owen Pick is a college lecturer, socially awkward and he lives with his Aunt, who detests him. She had grudgingly offered him a room when his Mother had passed away fifteen years earlier and here he is, reaching middle age and still living in her spare bedroom with a single bed and an arm chair his only means of comfort as his aunt does not allow him to use her sitting room. He is regarded as 'odd' and 'creepy' by neighbours and by students when having gotten drunk at a college disco behaved inappropriately towards a couple of his female students.

Cate Fours is living across the road from Owen and his aunt. She and her family have been re-housed in the area temporarily by their insurance company while their home is being repaired due to subsidence. She is devoted wife to Roan a child psychologist and devoted Mother to her two children. Her husband Roan is regarded as handsome, intelligent and charismatic, and nobody thinks so more than he does himself!

Saffyre Maddox is a young woman who has been attending therapy sessions with Roan for over 3 years due to reasons that she has not divulged to anyone but has been harming herself since she was ten years old. After 3 years Roan decides he can do no more for Saffyre and cuts their therapy sessions. Saffyre later admits when she becomes friends with Roan's son that she felt dejected when this happened. She felt that

psychologist Roan had relived her symptoms but that he had not cured her.

Saffyre begins sleeping out at night and stalking Roan and it is due to this that she had on occasion bumped into Owen Pick and during her narration of the story she admits that she had never felt threatened by him and in a way felt sorry for him. Saffyre has also recently come back into contact with the boy who had been behind her self-harming from the age of ten. Harrison Jones had assaulted her at the age of ten leading to her destructive habit. She is also convinced that Harrison Jones has something to do with the recent spate of sex attacks happening in the area.



On February 14th, Valentines night while the Roan's celebrate with a romantic meal, Owen Pick too very unusually has a dinner date from an online contact and Harrison Jones is skulking about in the dark the beautiful Saffyre goes missing and this is the event that will turn all their lives upside down. For a long while we do not know who the predator is and who is the protector, but the moral of the

story is really you cannot tell the book by the cover. I found it hard to put the book down, it was a great read, so well written and thought provoking. It is a good reminder to us that there is more to people than meets the eye and the predator is very often not the person we might think it is but the person that is walking in plain sight.

Community saddened by Mervyn McClure death



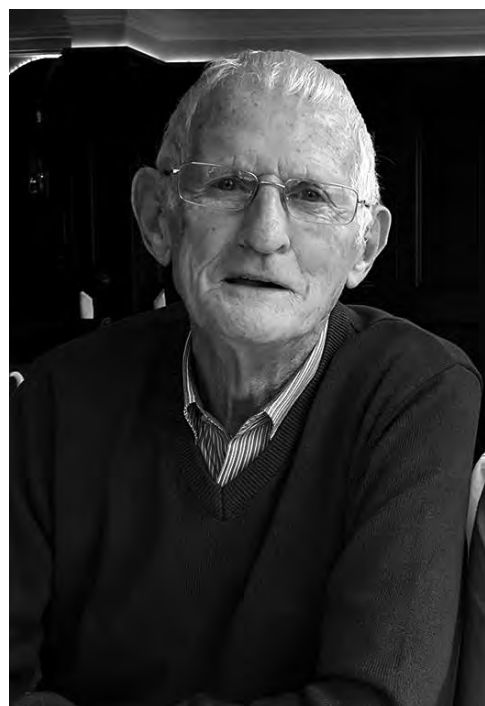
The man who died following a collision on the N13 between Newtoncunningham and Manorcunningham on Tuesday night has been named locally as Mervyn McClure.

Mr. McClure, late of Lurgy, Letterkenny was a farmer who retired from the DLDC's Rural Social Scheme in 2018. He was aged 70. Predeceased by his parents Cecil and Isa, he was a respected figure in his community and will be deeply missed by his family, friends and neighbours.

His remains are reposing at his brother Derek and sister-in-law Janices' residence at Knockbrack, Letterkenny.

Funeral from there on Friday, at 1pm travelling via the Lurgy Road going to Ray Presbyterian Church, Manorcunningham for 2pm Funeral Service of Thanksgiving. Interment afterwards in the adjoining graveyard.

The late Liam Blake



One of Letterkenny's football legends Liam Blake sadly passed away on Saturday at the family home in Ard Colmcille Letterkenny. Aged 86 he was a very well known and highly respected member of the local community. At the age of 14 Liam started working at the Oatfield Sweet Factory in the town. There he was to give 51 years of loyal service to the Company. While he retired from Oatfield Liam didn't stop work as he joined his nephew Paschal Blake in the Undertaking business for the next 15 years. It was a role that he carried out with dignity and consideration for many bereaved families.

He met his wife to be Strabane native Patsy Quinn in 1953 in the Butt Hall. The couple married on June 17th, 1958. Then along came the family, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Liam was first and foremost a family man. He was also a man of faith.

From his teenage years it was clear that Liam was going to make his mark on the football field. And he did as an attacking player with Letterkenny Crusaders and for many years with his beloved Letterkenny Rovers where he was the Club President. However, his biggest personal sporting achievement was to be with one of the Cathedral Town team's arch rivals Swilly Rovers. That came on 13th of May 1962 when Swilly became the first Donegal side to win the FAI Junior Cup. The Ramelton outfit was 2-1 up against Cork side Castleview when Liam Blake scored the decisive third goal to ensure that captain Ian McGarvey would climb the steps to receive the trophy. Swilly Rovers F.C. also expressed their sympathy to the Blake family. "Deepest con-

dolences to the family of Liam Blake, who has sadly passed away in Letterkenny, from all here at Swilly. Liam Blake was an FAI Junior Cup winner with Swilly Rovers FC in 1962 and scored in the final. He will forever be remembered in our history."

He also played senior football in the Irish League with Ballymena Utd and scored on his debut.

Letterkenny Rovers said: "We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our Club President Liam Blake. An integral part of our history, Liam was one of life's gentlemen who was cherished by everyone at the club.

From his early days as a formidable player, to winning consecutive Donegal League titles as joint-manager alongside Dessie Kelly in 1981 and 1982, to his outstanding work as a groundsman at Leckview Park, Liam served the club with absolute distinction over so many years and in so many roles.

He was a lovely man who we were proud to have as our Club President and who will never be forgotten. We wish to extend our deepest condolences to his wife Patsy and the Blake family."

The remains of Mr Blake reposed at his late residence in Ard Colmcille from Sunday afternoon. Funeral was from there on Tuesday morning going to St. Eunan's Cathedral Letterkenny for 11am Requiem Mass. Fr. Philip Kemmy C.C. was the main celebrant. Fr. Philip Daly P.P. Killooney was the concelebrant and Proclaimed the Gospel. Readings were by grandchildren Shane Blake and Nicola Coyle. Prayers of the Faithful were read by grandchildren. Gifts were brought to the Altar by Liam's great grandchildren Aaron, Luca and Zoe, Music and hymns were by Assumpta Donaghey and Declan Nee.

A Guard of Honour was formed by members of Letterkenny Rovers as the remains were brought into the chapel. Members of the Club's underage squads formed a Guard of Honour as the cortege left the Cathedral going over Lower Ard O'Donnell and down the Main Street stopping briefly at the Blake's Bar the home of Liam's late brother Harry.

Liam was laid to rest afterwards in Conwal Cemetery where Fr. Kemmy said the graveside prayers. He is survived by his wife Patsy (née Quinn), sons Michael (Mickey) Letterkenny and Brendan (Benny) Bunrana, daughters Patricia (Trisha) McGranaghan (Letterkenny) and Janet Coyle (Letterkenny), daughters-in-law Jeanette and Sinead; sons-in-law Mick and Paul, 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, sister Mary Greene (Letterkenny), nieces nephews and a wide circle of family, neighbours and friends. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Funeral of John Kelly



The funeral took place on Monday of John Kelly, Woodlands, Letterkenny.

John who passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital on Friday was native of Manorcunningham. Aged 89 he is survived by his wife Phyllis; sons and daughters Dessie, Derek, Shaun, Letterkenny, Eileen Carey, Greencastle, Kate, Martin, Leisha, Siobhan, Letterkenny, Eunan, Raphoe and Noel Doherty Coolboy, brother Willie, Listilion and sister Kathleen Walker, Clydebank,

grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours.

John was born in Manorcunningham in 1933. He was one of 10 siblings. After leaving the local National School John went to work for a neighbouring farmer. In the early 1950s he emigrated to Glasgow and there his lifelong passion for Celtic Football Club began. As Fr. Brendan Ward said in his homily it was much more than a football club for John and lots of other Donegal and Irish immigrants in Glasgow. He became part of a new family making many friends. Of course the games were very important too at Parkhead and Hampden Park where he saw Celtic hammer Rangers in a League Cup Final in 1957. Ten years later John savoured the historic European Cup success in Lisbon under Jock Stein. He saw so many great players grace the hallowed turf of Parkhead including Billy McNeill, Jimmy Johnstone and more recently Henrik Larsson under manager Martin O'Neill and the other bosses Brendan Rodgers and now Ange Postecoglou. He met Phyllis and the couple married in 1956 and were to be together 66 years anniversary. John and Phyllis returned to reside in Manor before settling in the Woodlands. John worked in the construction sector for many years. John had an active interest in local football and managed Lagan Harps. In later years he played draughts to a very high standard winning a number of tournaments. John also loved to travel abroad with Phyllis going to various countries including the USA and Australia. Gardening was another of his interests and during the first lockdown he kept himself busy constructing a little building at the side of the house. His faith was also important and he was a regular attendee at the Church of the Irish Martyrs.

John's remains reposed at the family residence in Woodlands from Saturday afternoon. Funeral was from there on Monday morning to the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Brendan Ward C.C. Music and hymns were by Declan Nee. Readings, Prayers of the Faithful and Gifts to the Altar were by family members. Interment took place afterwards in New Leck Cemetery, Letterkenny. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle

Funeral of Beatrice (Beattie) O'Brien



The funeral took place on Sunday of Beatrice (Beattie) O'Brien Cloughroe.

Beattie passed away at her home on Thursday. The remains of the late Mrs O'Brien reposed at her home in Cloughroe from Friday afternoon. Funeral Service took place on Sunday afternoon in the Parish Church of St Finian and St Mark, Kilmacrennan. The Canon Harry Gilmore officiated at the Service and the burial afterwards in Gortlee Cemetery.

Predeceased by her husband George, Beattie is survived by her daughter Dorothy, son-in-law Simon, granddaughters Sarah and Emma and her husband Paul, great-granddaughters Georgia and Ava, sister-in-law Maggie, relatives and

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Ardara getting ready for Letterkenny gang!

The Letterkenny Reunion is on the road again! And will be officially next month with the committee having organised a trip to sunny Ardara! Chairperson Dessie Kelly is anticipating a few bus loads of revellers for the day long trip which takes place on Wednesday August 17th.

The buses - how many depends on bookings - will pull out from the Station House Hotel at 11.a.m. on the morning of the excursion before returning at 7.p.m. in the evening. But the celebrations won't end there - a three course meal is planned at the hotel with entertainment to be provided by the one and only Martin Orr.

The bus trip alone will cost €15 while the combined trip and meal will cost €35.

"It's great to be able to organise an event again. Our last Reunion was in 2018 and hopefully any visitors who might happen to be home at the time will join us for what's going to be a fun day out," said chairperson Kelly.

Bookings can be made by contacting any one of the following - Mary Forde (087-6757852); Carol McGarvey (086-0600664); Caroline Mackey (086-3686618); Margaret Madden (085-7777526); or Elaine Maguire (086-3058452).

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Milford women play major role in Glastonbury success

A trio of Milford women played a central role in helping bring one of the most iconic music festivals back before a live audience of over 200,000 and a global audience of millions at the end of June.

All three helped organise the legendary Glastonbury Festival that returned this year with headline acts including Paul McCarthy and Diana Ross, after a two year hiatus.

They are Emma Ward, Gortmacall and Kate and Aoife Dick from Church Road. They play various roles in helping bring the popular festival to life, including accountancy, booking coordinator and personal assistant to the event founder Michael Eavis and his daughter Emily.

Kate and Aoife have been working with the organisers for a number years and are very close to the Eavis family and all three got to mingle with the stars of the weekend-long event that saw more than 30 million tune in on TV and stream online via the BBC.

Since 1981, the festival has been organised by local farmer and site owner Michael Eavis (through his company Glastonbury Festivals Ltd). Eavis ran the festival with his wife Jean until her death in 1999, and now co-organises

the event with his daughter Emily. Having grown from humble beginnings on "Worthy farm" the first festival on the land was the Pop, Blues & Folk Festival hosted in September 1970, and attended by 1,500 people. Now it is the largest greenfield music and performance arts festival in the world.

Over 200,000 were in attendance this year and enjoyed huge crowds from when the gates opened on a Wednesday with many people not going home the following Monday.

Founder Michael's primary concern is his prize-winning cows but he was on hand at the gates on the opening day to welcome revelers and music fans to his farm. The festival is run on an ethical/sustainable basis with £2-3 million donated to Oxfam, Water Aid, Greenpeace and other charities each year.

The farm is enclosed by a 14ft high 8km long fence. It features over 3,600 acts spanning music, theatre, circus and film and takes place over 34 areas. The five main stages have 200 acts between them. 2.5million people are registered with photo ID to be in with a chance of buying a ticket which sold out in just half an hour.



Emma Ward, Kate and Aoife Dick relaxing at Glastonbury.

After a two-year break due to the pandemic, a typically diverse lineup of artists performed this year span musical genres and generations including Billie Eilish, Kendrick Lamar and Paul McCartney.

Other artists scheduled to perform include Megan Thee Stallion, Olivia Rodrigo, Pet Shop Boys, St. Vincent, Lorde, The Libertines, Kacey Musgraves, Leon Bridges, Herbie Hancock and dozens more.

Milford AC draw made



Milford AC held their final draw in their Hugo Duggan Track Development Draw on Saturday night in the Travellers Inn with €10,000 given out. Karol Duggan drew the winners in the presence of Peace Commissioner Martin O'Donnell who had overseen the previous 11 monthly draws.

The winners were First prize of €5000 Moira Stilvern, Kerrykeel.

Second prize of €3000 Trevor and Kevin Murray, Kilmacrennan. Third prize of €2000 Stephen Devlin, Bunlin, Milford.

Spot prizes. €100 sponsored by Thinstone Donegal. John Cronin, Tullamore. (President Athletics Ireland). Fitbit Watch: Patrick McHugh, Carrigart.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society will hold an outing to Greencastle Golf Club on Saturday 9th July and the playing partners and tee times are as follows - 10:30am Paddy McNulty, Noel Gillespie, Fergal Casey; 10:40am Fergus Friel, Denis McBride, Damian Casey; 10:50am David Bonner, Joe McCafferty, Brian Forrest, Barry McNulty; 11:00 Mr Captain Gary Sheehan, Peter O'Donnell, Oisín Friel, PJ Hagan; 11:10 Anthony Toland, Patrick McBride, Aidan McCafferty, Damian O'Donnell; 11:20 Stephen Boucher, Paul Murphy, Mick Bowe, Peter Doherty; 11:30 Donal McCafferty, John McGettigan, Michael O'Hara, Sean McCafferty. Presenta-

tion of prizes will take place in the Hi-Da-Way Bar on Saturday night at 9pm sharp. For more details contact Eugene on 087 7704149 or Captain Gary Sheehan on 086 1904632.

Tennis Club Milford Tennis Club welcome new members whether your are new to the game or a veteran tennis player. The club offers the opportunity to learn, to improve and have fun. If you are interested in joining contact Doreen Jones 0861729092. Coaching also available. Club night continues every Monday evening from 7pm.

50/50 Draw The next Milford United 50/50 draw will take place on Saturday 23rd July with a minimum jackpot of €1000 to

be won. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

Ju Jitsu for Beginners Milford Ju Jitsu Club are welcoming new members to their Senior Class over the age of 16 in the Milford Hall on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7.30 - 8.45pm.

TUS Workers There are vacancy in the TUS Scheme at the Old School Glenvar for person to carry out cleaning duties in the Old School and Glenvar Chapel. Applicants must be in receipt of Social welfare payment for more than one year. Contract is for one year. If interested please contact Teresa 086 3342346.

Masses in Milford Mass times in St. Peter's Church, Milford this week are - Thursday 7th July 10.00am; Friday 8th July - 10.00am; Saturday 9th July 7.30pm; Sunday 10th July 11.00am. Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 9th July at 6.00pm.

Football Summer Camp There are still a few places available in the Milford United M32 Soccer Academy Camp which runs from 25th - 28th of July from 10am - 2.00pm at the Moyle View Park, Milford. The fun filled camp is open to Boys and Girls 6-13yrs old. Cost is €60 per child and €50 for additional family members. Contact 0862163761 if you require further information. Please find link for registration: <https://bit.ly/M32SoccerAcademy-Milford>

Graveyard Mass The annual Graveyard Mass at Tully Cemetery will take place on Sunday 24th July at 3pm and the annual Graveyard Mass at Milford Cemetery will take place on Sunday 31st July at 3pm.

Yoga with Jane Yoga with Jane in the Ray Community Centre every Saturdays from 10-11 starting 9th July. €10 BRING OWN MATS /PROPS if possible. ALL levels welcome include beginners. 086 8367776 to book or for more info.

MDRC Opening Hours Milford & District Resource Centre's new opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Fridays 9am to 4pm. Now open all day including during lunchtime.

Volunteers Rags to Riches Thrift Shop is seeking a volunteer for Friday afternoons from 1-4pm. Gain retail experience, meet new people and make a difference in your community. Contact Milford & District Resource Centre for more information 0749153736 / info@mdrc.ie



Karol Duggan drawing the tickets in the Milford AC fundraising draw in the Travellers Inn on Saturday night with Club Chairman James Gibbons and Martin O'Donnell.

Finn Wheelers complete Cycle in aid of Hospice

A group of twelve cyclist from Finn Wheelers Cycling Club, Ballybofey along with their support teams completed their Mizen to Malin Cycle charity on Saturday 3rd July last in aid of the Donegal Hospice. The group set off at Mizen Head on Tuesday last and took 5 days to complete the 650km in a total time of 24 hours and 41minutes cycling. To date the group have raised over €10,000 for the Donegal Hospice and the fundraising will continue until 3rd August by visiting the

Clubs Facebook page or follow the link at : www.idonate.ie/finnwheelersmizenomaln.

Many of the participants have had family, friends and neighbours availing of the care offered by the Hospice over the years and group would like to extend a massive thank you to everyone for their support and donations to date and encourage others to come on board and make a contribution over the next few weeks for this very worthy cause.

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Scenes from the Coffee Morning on Monday in aid of the MS Society at the Milford IRD and also the unveiling of their Tile Mural Display which was completed by the MS Group who meet every Monday in the Presbyterian Church Hall.



Members of the MS Group who meet every Monday in the Milford Presbyterian Church Hall and completed a 96 piece Tile Mural Display at the unveiling in the Milford IRD Offices on Monday.



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John Glenn to appear at Mulroy Woods Hotel

It has been a phenomenal time for Irish Country Singing Legend John Glenn who is celebrating 45 years in music this year. John, who from an young age got involved in music with local bands around his home of Crossmaglen, became professional in 1975 when he was asked to become lead singer with the Mainliners Showband, after Big Tom's departure to form The Travellers. John's first big hit "Sunnyside Of The Mountain" which reached No 5 in The Irish Charts. His first album with the Mainliners was also entitled "Sunnyside Of The Mountain" which also earned him a God Disc. John and the band continued to have hit after hit with great songs such as "Darlin Lets Turn Back The Years", "Keep On The Sunnyside", "Noreen Bawn", "The Boys From The County Armagh" and many more. For three years John toured with the band around Ireland, the UK and Scotland until he decided, in



1978 to leave the Mainliners and form his own new band called The Wranglers, which toured across the country including taking in tours around America and Canada and performing live at Wembley Stadium in London in 1979 as part of an Irish Country Show. He continued to play

the circuit whether it be with a band or solo performances and 40 years later in 2018 he delighted the country when he reformed with the Mainliners and what an amazing reaction he got when he returned to the stage with the legendary band. In the two years John and the Mainliners have been reunited they have toured Ireland once again, bringing the songs people love to hear, bringing memories to their fans and recapturing new fans. John will be joined by Brian Kerrigan in the Mulroy Woods Hotel for the Thursday night social on the 14th of July with dancing from 9 to 11pm and refreshments served.

Social Dancing at the Mulroy Woods Hotel

Every Thursday from 9 to 11pm

Thurs. 7th July - Eddie Gallagher & Ann McGroarty Adm. €8

Thurs. 14th July - John Glenn & Brian Kerrigan Adm. €10 Spot Prizes Light Refreshments Served



Earagail Arts Festival makes welcome return

It's hard to believe that this weekend will see the opening of the 35th Earagail Arts Festival. After a couple of extremely challenging years, the festival's CEO, Paul Brown, and his team have put together a packed programme. The Earagail Arts Festival is worth an estimated €1.5 million to the local economy annually and is the biggest event of its kind in Ireland. Along with the Donegal International Rally, which provided a welcome and timely boost to businesses in the region last month, the Earagail Arts Festival will also play its part in the recovery of the tourism sector. Check out the festival's schedule of events for the next two weeks. It's bound to have something to your liking.

DAA's Army

The Dublin Airport Authority (DAA) must think all of its birthdays have come at once, following confirmation that army personnel are being trained up and put on standby to bail them out in the event of Covid impacting workforce availability.

In its wisdom, the DAA took a decision to lay off long-term workers back in May 2020, three months into the pandemic. Between October 2020 and April 2022, it shed 248 staff members from its security screening operation through a voluntary redundancy scheme. When business bounced back to pre-Covid levels this year, as was widely expected given that most of the population hadn't been out of the country since the summer of 2019, the DAA filled the staff shortages with agency workers, paying them €14 per hour. And when the fan was inevitably hit with you

know what, Defence Forces personnel are now being readied to save the day, with confirmation that soldiers based at Finner Camp commenced a two-day training programme in Dublin earlier in the week.

The ongoing problems at Dublin Airport in recent weeks have been well documented. Looking on, one had thought that the DAA had got its act together and that normal service was resuming. But the need to use members of the Irish Army to help deal with the long queues of passengers shows just how idiotic the thinking of DAA's management was when it opted to get rid of key and experienced workers.

Granted, the recent surge in Covid-19 cases is a mitigating factor in the current chaos at Dublin Airport.

But the company's plan to do away with a section of its higher-paid workforce and replace them with staff who'd be paid considerably less has proven to be a failure. And a quite spectacular one at that.

Please, just don't

Takes a fair bit to annoy this column, but the one thing that still gets under the skin are those who have no regard whatsoever for motorists who need to park in disabled parking spaces.

I was enjoying a cup at Kernan's Coffee House and Bakery in Newtowncunningham last Thursday afternoon from a window seat when two people pulled up and skipped (literally) into the diner. They left about ten minutes later with takeaway cups and beaming smiles. Their car had no disabled badge displayed,

there was no one else in the car and they left without picking anybody else up. The driver had parked in one of four adjoining spaces that were clearly painted blue with a white wheelchair symbol. Had the driver taken the time to do a quick scan, she could have reversed back about 15 metres and had her pick of ordinary spaces. It really is the lowest of low.

Difference of opinion on Arlene

Deirdre Heenan didn't hold back on her take on Arlene Foster during the most recent edition of The View.

As the panel of political pundits mulled over the past year in Northern Ireland politics with presenter, Mark Carruthers, Suzanne Breen, political editor with the Belfast Telegraph, talked about how the fortunes of the former DUP leader had changed.

"It's been quite a good year for Arlene Foster. We've seen her take with relish her GB News presenting career and she is looking forward to commentating on the 'twelfth'." But Deirdre Heenan was in total disagreement.

"I think after Arlene stepped down, there was this view that now the real Arlene was going to step forward," the Professor of Social Policy at the University of Ulster countered.

"This person with soft edges, this person who had been held back by the DUP and actually was a moderate, was the person the people thought she was when elected to the leadership of the party. She talked about the online abuse of women and how she wanted to lead that type of campaign and use her fame to do



by Ciaran O'Donnell

that. Now we see her going to GB News. And I think, really? Is that now where she finds her home?"

And finally...

It's all go down the west these days for three well-known Letterkenny-based businessmen. Joe Devenney, Kieran Davis and Conor McMenamin came together to establish Crolly Distillery a few years ago and produced their first casks of single malt whiskey in 2020.

Last Saturday, they welcomed the 180 founding members to the distillery's first open day, and they opened the distillery's visitor centre doors to the public on Monday. The trio's ambition is to play their part in the renaissance of Irish whiskey at the site of the old Crolly Dolls factory.

It's a great story and this column wishes them well with the next chapter of their venture.



Emma Bonar, silver medalist in U15 800m with Denis Shields.

National Title for LAC's James and Rueben

The first of three weekends of National Track and Field championships took place in Tullamore with some exceptional performances from our younger LAC athletes and u14/15's. U10's Aoibhe Gibson and Charley McGee O'Donnell com-

pete in their first nationals. Together with a combined result of 24.98 resulted in 5th place in the Turbo Javelin.

Highlight performance of the day was the U11 Turbo Javelin which saw James Davison and Rueben O'Domhnaill crowned All Ireland Champions. James threw 21.21 and Rueben 21.17, combined result gave them a total of 32.48.

Next up was Daragh McGuirk and Darragh Coyle in the 60m sprint finishing 7th overall and then back on track for the 600m saw them finish 5th place.

Well done to Daniel McGlynn and Arnab Radhakrishnan nair, U11 Girls, Grace Martin and Sadbh Shields who all gave good throws in the Turbo Javelin. The U11 Boys were unfortunate in the relay race, with a

4th place finish.

Emma Naughton competed in the U12 High Jump.

In the U12 Sprints Oisín Cuskelly narrowly missing out in the final of 60m.

Brendan Ndambira claimed silver in the 80m in 10.54.

Jack O'Donnell finished 3rd in his 60m heat and finished 7th in the finals. Grace Martin finished 5th with a strong throw of 9.31. Clodagh Gallagher enjoyed her first National event competing in the high jump.

On Sunday, three LAC were in action in the 800m - Daragh Naughton ran a strong tactical race to claim the Silver. U15 Emma Bonar also finished in



U11 Rueben O'Domhnaill and James Davison All Ireland Champions in turbo javelin

2nd. Rohan McMenamin had a strong finish in 5th.

Katie Elliott competed in the U15 75m, just missed out on qualifying for finals and she finished 4th in the High Jump.

Maeve Doherty finishing 5th in a time of 2.08 in the U13 80m.

Anya Duffy finished 9th in the u14 girls javelin with a throw of 24.54.

In the U11 and U13 Boys 4x100m relays, The U11 Boys were unfortunate placing 4th.

The U13 Boys won Team Bronze - Brendan Ndambira, Jack O'Donnell, Thali Daher, Eoghán Duffy and U12 sub Oisín Cuskelly.



U14 Daragh Naughton silver medalist in 800m pictured with his parents Tommy and Joan and sister Clodagh at Nationals in Tullamore.



Anya Duffy, Emma Naughton and Katherine Davison enjoying the Nationals last weekend.

Why does God allow suffering? (part 2)

A couple of columns ago I started to look at the question 'Why does God allow Suffering?'. It is a question that comes both from the head and from the heart - from the armchair and from the wheelchair. We looked previously at a brief answer to the question when asked by someone in the midst of suffering, this time we'll look at the question as it is asked by someone observing the brokenness of the world and wondering 'Why?' Stephen Fry on Gay Byrne's show 'The Meaning of Life' famously used suffering as his great reason for not believing in God: "I would say: Bone cancer in children? ... What's that about? ... How dare you create a world in which there is such misery that is not our fault? It's not right. It's utterly, utterly evil. Why should I respect a capricious, mean-minded, stupid god who creates a world which is so full of injustice and pain?" Now maybe your question isn't as aggressive as Fry's,

but nevertheless it is a question which has puzzled you. How could God allow war in Ukraine? How could God allow shooting sprees in Denmark, America, Norway?

The question is not a new one - Christianity has spoken to it for centuries - nor is Fry's response a good one. The god that Fry rails against isn't the God of the Bible; Fry forgets a couple of things - things we need to remember:

We need to remember the Bible's own storyline. According to God's story, everything was created perfect, and suffering is an intruder in this world. Suffering is here as a result of man's forsaking God.

We, as a species, are to blame, not God. But that explains why everything in us cries "Not fair" - this is not how it was meant to be. In an atheistic, evolutionary worldview there is no meaning, no justice, no fairness, and suffering is the mechanism for progress. So even our very heart-cry is a recognition that we are wired for a world in which suffering is absent.

Secondly, we need to remember that the Bible speaks of a solution. It tells us that God stepped into this broken world to do something about suffering. Unlike the picture Fry paints, God is no cold spectator. In the person of Jesus of Nazareth, he came and suffered to

provide the solution to this very problem.

So why is there still suffering? Because the problem lies much deeper than wars, shootings and disease: it's us - it's our sinfulness that is the real problem. That needs to be dealt with first. One day everything will be made right, but as we stand now, we wouldn't be fit for it because we'd ruin it.

We need radically changed. Jesus came to suffer to bring us to God so that we could be changed and made fit for this perfect world. Unlike the Greek mythological gods which Fry praises, Christianity is the only place where you will find a God willing to get involved, to his own cost, in bringing a solution to a problem of our making.

So, rather than thinking of God existing in detached serenity, we need to see the God-man scarred, battered and bloodied on the cross. We can choose to reject what Jesus did, but we cannot deny that this God cares enough to do something about our suffering. Suffering reminds us that all is not well.

But it is not a reason to disbelieve - it is a reason to believe in the God of the Bible. So even if your question is a 'head' question - let it take you to the God who knows what suffering is, and who will make everything right one day.

Food for thought



Mark Loughbridge

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	9pm	Singing Pub Queen of the Lennon 5th Round Sponsor: Murray's Pharmacy	Lennon Lodge
Thurs. 7th July	2.30pm	Highland Radio Roadcaster	Gamble's Square
	4pm	Little Miss Ramelton/ Prince Charming & Rose Bud Sponsor: Whoriskey's Eurospar Ramelton	Town Hall
	6.30-7pm	Official Reception Sponsor: Margaret & Billy Blaney	Robertson School
Thurs. 7th July	8pm	Marching Bands & Official Opening by Donegal Person of the Year Noel Cunningham Music by Brian Kerrigan & friends	
	9pm	Singing Pub Queen of the Lennon 5th Round Sponsor: Murray's Pharmacy	O'Shaughnessey's
Fri. 8th July	2pm	Children's Sports Day Sponsor: Cullen's Funfair	St. Mary's NS
	7pm	Big Band Night	Gamble's Square
Sat. 9th July	10am	Vintage Car & Tractor Show Sponsor: Shore Road Auto's	Gamble's Square
	12noon	Arts & Crafts & Wildflower Competition Sponsor: Kevin McFadden's Shop	Town Hall
	2.30pm	Carnival Parade Sponsor: Tirconail Tribune	€500 in prizes

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat. 9th July	3.30-5pm	Tots Play Area (2-5 years) Sponsor: Vinny & Eileen Harper	Shore Road
	4.30pm	Egg Throwing Competition Sponsor: Lennon Butcher's	The Bing
	5pm	James' Crazy Golf Competition Sponsor: Sign It	The Bing
	7pm	Big Band Night	Gamble's Square
Sun. 10th July	2pm	Bonny Baby Competition Sponsor: Sip 'N Slice	Town Hall
	3pm	Adults Fling on the Bing Sponsor: Quayside Bistro	The Bing
	7pm	Big Band Night	Gamble's Square
Mon. 11th July	12noon	Children's Talent Competition Sponsor: Kernan's Spar Ramelton	Town Hall
	3pm	Pet Show Sponsor: Animal Health Centre	Gamble's Square
	5pm	Fancy Dress Sponsor: Joe McDaid Ltd	Gamble's Square
	7pm	Adult Adventure Trail Sponsor: Steve's Cafe	Gamble's Square
	8pm	Closing Ceremony & Fireworks Music by Olivia Douglas & Paul McCahill	Gamble's Square



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Musical highlights at Earagail Arts Festival

Donegal's premier summer event Earagail Arts Festival is making a welcome return to its full programme of live events this weekend featuring great musical highlights from 9th to 24th July.

On Saturday 9th July Belfast-based New Champion Management take control of this special Earagail Arts Festival Ghostlight Sessions at the Balor Arts Centre, Ballybofey, featuring three of the most exciting and talented acts on their books with Dark Tropics, Winnie Ama and Laytha all performing. Kila frontman, Rónán Ó Snodaigh combines his Gaelic lyrics and acoustic instrumentation with the lush, organic, synthesised soundscapes of musician/filmmaker Myles O'Reilly. Tá Go Maith is a collection of works creatively inspired by gratitude, isolation and the generosity of time spent in lockdown. The duo perform in Amharclann Ghaoth Dobhair on Sunday 10th July. Sunonno D'Ajere are three passionate mu-

sicians, born and bred in the city of Naples. They have come together to prove, once and for all, that the tradition of Neapolitan songwriting is still as moving and relevant as it has ever been. See them in the Regional Cultural Centre on Tuesday 12th July.

Fulu Miziki Kollektiv will be performing in the Regional Cultural Centre on Friday 15th July. Their unique sound supports a pan-African message of artistic liberation, peace and a severe look at the ecological situation of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the whole world.

Vocalist with critically acclaimed Irish/American band The Gloaming, Iarla Ó Lionáird will be joined by pianist and prize winning composer, Ryan Molloy in The Balor theatre on the 15th.

Tanya McCole, String Ninjas & La Pompe celebrate the Kinnegar Brewing Company with a day of great music in the K2 Kinnegar Brewery on Saturday 16th July.

In collaboration with TG4, the festival will also host three concerts at An Grianán Theatre in Letterkenny, on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th July, to be broadcast by the Irish language television channel at a later date. The three concerts feature Goitse, The Henry Girls & Na Sífidlers, Ye Vagabonds, Diane Cannon, Clann Mhic Ruairí and Honeyfeet.

Donegal sisters, Paula and Melanie Houton from the Inishowen Peninsula, are two of the finest musicians of their generation. Bringing the traditional pairing of fiddle and flute/whistle to a contemporary audience, they per-



Ye Vagabonds Photo by Rich Gilligan

form in Malin's Big Top on Thursday 21st July presented by Inishowen Traditional Music Project. Three of Ireland's finest socially conscious, Cherym, Sheerbuzz and Problem Patterns perform an all ages rock show, curated by EAF New Curator Aisling Faulkner, in the Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny on Thursday 21st July.

Popular Derry artist SOAK, whose recently released 3rd album has been lauded by critics at home and abroad, will be performing a special stripped back set in the intimate surroundings of McGroary's Hotel, Culdaff on July 23rd.

Closing the festival is Vincent Kennedy's 'Colmcille, Dove of Peace' as performed by the Donegal Youth Orchestra, Donegal Youth Choir, along with special solo performers in

An Grianán Theatre July 24th.

Earagail Arts Festival is supported by Donegal County Council, Arts Council Ireland & Wild Atlantic Way. For info and bookings visit www.eaf.ie

Suonno D'Ajere.



StringNinjas



A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

Lunch in Kerrykeel: then dinner from Lidl

I was sitting at the kitchen table in Rathmullan on Saturday afternoon battering away at the keyboard and it was yet another cool, grey day with no real sunshine or cheer. I was down in Rathmullan earlier and it was remarkably quiet around the pier and there wasn't the usual queue for coffee at David's trailer despite the fact that he serves some of the best in the county.

Himself was with me for the first time this year because it has just been too cold until now for him to venture far from his own fire.

We headed for Kerrykeel after lunch so I could buy the dinner for tonight in Lidl; we were going to head for Himself's favourite eatery, the Beachcomber, but it was just too dodgy with the rising Covid numbers and Himself's bad chest. We had a lovely roast pork dinner with the family in the house instead and no one had to fall too far to get home after having a few bevvis.

Luckily for me Mark came down to Mountnugent for a flying overnight visit when he got back from Rhodes two weeks ago because as luck and rosters would have it he was working all last weekend so I couldn't see him. It was brilliant to see him in Cavan looking fit and tanned after quite a long break; I hadn't been up since I did in my leg nearly two months ago and I was getting withdrawal symptoms for the want of a bit of time with my family.

I was working the day he arrived in Cavan and he gave me very short notice so I had nothing prepared to feed him with in the evening which was all the excuse we needed to gather up a friend and head into Cavan for a bite. It was one of the rare lovely evenings of this so called summer and it made a nice change to just go on the spur of the

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The newly plucked and pruned sheep are all on bare ground now to dry them off and the remaining lambs are eating meal ad lib at grass to finish them off.

moment and see what was to be seen. We had a very pleasant meal and a good old catch up natter.

The mare that got the dire warnings about the consequences of not going in foal ignored the warning and scanned empty. The stud is entitled to four cycles to get her in foal before we abandon ship so she remained there for another try and I had to collect her at short notice last Thursday evening. I'll have a track worn to Ballybay by the time the stud season is over this year. Then there's talk of a monumental recession coming down the line so I might end up eating the resulting foals if the market goes down the swanee and the cost of living keeps sky rocketing. Horse is nice meat; if you like beef then you'd like horse (if you could tell the difference), it's somewhat finer grained than beef and the yellower fat is around the outside of the meat rather than marbled through it. I'd say we've been eating the odd horse all our lives without being aware of it.

We sheared the woollies during the past fortnight. The help arrived at 6.45am and the three shearing lads arrived at 7.15am. It's a very streamlined operation and they were all done and gone by 10 o'clock. No sooner were the poor feks of sheep shorn than the heavens opened, repeatedly, and they were huddled, shivering under hedges. Yet again there's no market for the wool. That's the second year in a row that we can't get rid of it at any cost; there just isn't space in the wool sheds in the depot. I thought that sheeps wool was the new, eco friendly, designer answer to home insulation? Seemingly not in Cavan anyway!

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bare ground now to dry them off and the remaining lambs are eating meal ad lib at grass to finish them off. Himself bought a go of store lambs recently and there was a batch of them fit last week. We let down the decks on the trailer and loaded it to the gunnels with lambs and cull ewes and sailed for Athleague when I got back after work in the evening. It was a grand run though I could feel every kilo of every animal on the laden trailer. We weren't back at the shack till eleven that night and I was tired even before I headed for Ballybay for the mare the following evening after work.

I love driving and I enjoy the mental focus required to draw a loaded treble axle trailer or horse box along the twisting bog roads and through the towns of middle Ireland but it's been a very tiring and difficult time in work for the past couple of weeks as we wound up the vaccination centre and we're all weary and stressed out. We're in temporary accommodation in the test centre now and under the leadership of the Monaghan service.

All the vaccinating will be done in pop-up clinics around the county and there's a very unsettled feeling about the whole thing. I hope that by the next time we go to print that the situation will have evened itself out and we'll be more relaxed and confident about our jobs. Sure we'll give it our best shot as we have done all along and hope for the best. Himself went to Mass on Sunday morning for the first time since last November; Margaret trotted him off up to Oughterlin where he prayed rings round him and lit enough candles to fry the ozone layer. Admittedly a couple of them were ones that



Kate Carton

I asked him to light for my intentions (he had snared my €2 coin out of the shopping trolley the previous day and this was payback) but they would barely have singed the bottom of a low cloud much less contribute to global warming. They met a fella in the church and got chatting and it seems he was one of the misguided eejits who thinks I'm very hard on poor li'l old Himself. If they only had to live with Him they'd have a terrible pity for poor little me; I'm great to be as good as I am under the circumstances and I often think back to the comparative peace and quiet when I was shut up in a home for the bewildered for a while.

Mind you, it may have seemed very peaceful and quiet on the outside too while I was in there! That was long before Himself's time so at least he has the comfort of knowing that he didn't contribute to that. Anything I write about him is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so you can see what a challenging job it is being me.

It's almost midnight and I have work in the new base in the morning which is twenty minutes further away than the last one, followed by physiotherapy on my leg in Cavan General in the afternoon and a trip to my counsellor in the evening to get another few of my knots unravelled. So it's high time I was in the nest because as Ernest Hemingway so wisely said "I love sleep. My life has the tendency to fall apart when I'm awake, you know?"



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Donegal musicians featured in "From the Bridge"


On the 29th of June, the Irish Traditional Music Archive (ITMA), with support from the Government of Ireland - Emigrant Support Programme, launched a major digital exhibition celebrating New York's remarkably rich and enduring Irish traditional music heritage. Curated by New York musician and historian Don Meade, and Donegal based folklorist Rónán Galvin, this new micro-site showcases rare recordings, stories and photographs, in a timeline spanning over 150 years. Among the musicians celebrated, and to be heard in the digital exhibition are two Donegal emigrants: fiddle player, Hugh Gillespie (1906-1986) and melodeon player, Tony Doherty (1913-1998) Hugh Gillespie (1906-1986), from the town-

land of Dreenan near Ballybofey, had the good fortune to be introduced to the legendary fiddle player Michael Coleman only days after his arrival in New York. The Sligo master took a shine to the youngster from Donegal and formed a close friendship with him. Coleman tutored Gillespie in the intricacies of his bowing style and took him on as a partner in radio work. Gillespie also played in bands with his accordionist brother Jim. He continued to play, and to teach music to youngsters, both in New York and after returning to live in Donegal with his wife in 1964. One of the musicians Hugh taught on his return home was Crossroads, Killygordon fiddler Frank Kelly. A relation and friend, the two men played togeth-

er several times a week until Hugh's death in October 1986. Melodeon player Tom Doherty (1913-1998) from Mountcharles left Ireland in 1948 and settled down in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. Tom would become a regular at the Monday night sessions at the Eagle Tavern and the annual Irish festivals at Snug Harbor, Staten Island. From the Bridge features over 370 specially selected sound and video recordings, 190 images, as well as engaging and informative biographies of the musicians, and contextual introductions. As a valuable learning resource, it provides a bridge between our thriving creative traditional arts sector at home and those increasingly dis-

parate groups who identify with Irish heritage and culture in New York.





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This week's winner was Sinead Noonan, Carnamuggagh Lower, Letterkenny who found Shanagh in the Whoriskey's Eurospar Ramelton Advert on Page 36 and wins a €50 voucher for Whoriskey's of Ramelton.

Letterkenny Shotokan Karate Club Summer Camp

The Letterkenny Shotokan Karate Club held their first Summer Camp this weekend in The Letterkenny Community Centre and Aura Leisure Centre.

The Camp kicked off their first day in the Community Centre, on Friday last, where all students from beginner to black belt took part in Kata and Kumite training. This extra training was the final push to prepare the students for their upcoming Competition and Grading which were being held over the following two days.

On Saturday, students from White to Black belts, took part in an Individual Kata competition, as well as a Team Kata event, which also took place in the Centre.

On Sunday the Camp finished off with a Grading, which was held in the Aura Leisure Centre, where students from White to Brown Belts were awarded their next Grade.

The results from Saturday's Competition: White Belts: 1st - Teresa Gallagher, 2nd - Grace Gallagher, 3rd - Diya Sarun.

Orange Belts: 1st - Sadheesh Kumar, 2nd - Michael Harvey, 3rd - Matthew Gallier.

Red Belts: 1st - Noah Callaghan, 2nd -

Chloe Henderson.

Yellow - Green Belts: 1st - Taylor Hughes, 2nd - Ivanna Benny, 3rd - Benny Jose.

Purple-Brown Belts: 1st - Adelle Mc Ateer, 2nd - Anika Benny, 3rd - Peter Ogle.

Black Belts: 1st - Mary O'Neil, 2nd - Andreii Barabash.

Team Kata: 1st - The Callaghans, 2nd - Snow White, 3rd - Letterkenny.

Medals were awarded to four students who displayed best spirit and excellent technique. Best spirit awards went to Teresa Gallagher and Sadheesh Kumar and awards for best technique went to Ivanna Benny and Taylor Hughes.

The students that graded on their final day of camp had been training hard over the last few months as well as during the camp. Students from White Belt to Brown Belt took part in this test, displaying skills learned in order to obtain their next belt. The following students who were successful and awarded their next belt after a fantastic weekend of Camp were:

9th kyu - Orange belt: Grace Gallagher, Teresa Gallagher, Becky Hughes and Diya Sarun.

8th kyu - Red belt: Lily Gallier, Matther

Gallier, Joshua Mc Hugh, Dominick Mc Hugh, Dilan O'Boyle and Peter O'Boyle

7th kyu - Yellow belt: Chloe Henderson.

6th kyu - Green belt: Chantelle Henderson

5th kyu - Purple belt: Ivana Benny, Benny Jose and Taylor Hughes.

3rd kyu - Brown Belt: Adelle Mc Ateer

2nd kyu - Brown White Belt: Anika Benny, Georgia Martin and Rishon Sojan.

1st kyu - Brown 2 White Stripes Belt: Peter Ogle

Summer Training will take place Mondays 7-8pm in The Letterkenny Community Centre, Wednesdays 7-8pm Community Centre and Saturdays Community Centre 1-2pm.

A Kumite Development Class will take place on Sunday 7th August 12-2pm in the Aura Leisure Centre

The next Club Grading will take place this December for Beginner to Brown Belts and the next Black Belt Grading will take place in next January.

Congratulations to all students who attended this year's Summer Karate Camp and were successful in their Competition and Gradings.



Pictured are members of the Letterkenny Shotokan Karate Club at their Summer Camp and Grading at the weekend with John Wilkie.



Letterkenny Rovers Football for All

The Letterkenny Rovers 'Football for All' programme in association with the FAI and Donegal Sports Partnership has just completed its second six week block and unveiled their new gear, sponsored by Watson Menswear Letterkenny.

Rovers Clubmark Officer Donagh McMorrow was delighted with the initiative. "It's just so special to have the opportunity to run this programme in our community and it has been great to see the improvements

these children have made in just 12 weeks. Getting the children all kitted out and coming out as a team from the changing rooms today was just great and goes that bit further to making them feel truly part of the club. "We thank Leonard for his generosity and making this happen. We were delighted to hear of other clubs nearby that are now running Football For All and look forward to connecting with them for games as we grow" Mr McMorrow said.



At the Letterkenny Football for All at Leckview Park were FAI Football for All Development Officer: Paul Smyth; Coaching staff Gerry McGroarty, Annmarie Simmons, Karen Browne, Caoimhe Crossan, Shane Bradley and Donagh McMorrow along with Club Chairman Dessie Kelly team sponsor Leonard Watson and players

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Government summer statement matches the bad weather

There is much disappointment in what the Government presented on Monday evening in its less than summery focus... what crisis you might well ask? No big increases in 2022 that €400 million will not fix? Now if Micheál Martin was serious and announced a figure in the range of €1.4 million, that would be some help but what were they thinking about on Monday? The real impact will be in the fine print on Budget Day but in the meantime, the message from the Government is: "Live horse but your oats bucket will be more than half-empty."

On what planet does the Government expect people to reside for the next three months as inflation races towards 10%? The mere idea of giving €400 million in retrospect to the people just does not add up given that those facing return to school fees: creche costs: fuel and food costs will see no change from this measure and they will be much worse off.

But that is hardly surprising given that for the third time since last June, Donegal families living in Mica infected homes are back protesting outside the Dail this week. And why so? Because Donegal does not have any real input at the Cabinet table.

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The Government makes an issue of bringing the budget back into late September but its a mere afterthought given that most schools and colleges (unlike the Dail) are back and they will have to park three months of debts incurred before being handed few Euros more to compensate them for the huge costs of living throughout this year. The Cabinet signed off on their summer statement on Monday afternoon and agreed to bring Budget Day forward by two weeks to Tuesday September 27th.

Paschal Donohoe said there had been a further strong performance in tax receipts in the first half of the year, but

pensioners will not give two flying fiddles about his opinion. He has the money and they have the hardship: perhaps their worst crisis in fifty years.

The budget for 2023 and that's what we are talking about, will see €6.7 billion of new spending and taxation measures, an increase of €1.7 billion over what was previously planned. Of this, €1.05 billion is to be used for a tax package and €2.7 billion for new spending like any once-off measures to tackle the cost of living, increases to social welfare payments and a new public pay deal.

€400 million of this has been earmarked for spending measures - including action on the cost-of-living - that could kick-in before the end of 2022, though ministers may decide to increase that figure. The real impact will be in the fine print on Budget Day and from this remove it is dismal. But in the meantime, the message from the Government is: "Live horse but your oats bucket will be more than half-empty".

Inflation is now the big driver of all sectors of society in Ireland with a defeatist government attempting to row against the wishes of those who are hurting most: those on social welfare and the countless tens of thousands on very low wages.

It is pointless exercise for Micheál Martin to presume that he can put everything on hold until Budget Day. There is no way that the Cabinet plans to halt inflation will be solved on Budget Day... far from it. And because of the greater scale of globalisation in Ireland's financial marketplace, nobody in Wall Street will stop the lights when Paschal Donohoe delivers his big speech. Against that background the gov-

ernment is merely doing a bit of grandstanding in the hope that the workers will not take industrial action and that the old age pensioners will have stacked up enough firewood to get them over the winter chill.

The real political agenda is inflation and it is not going anywhere internationally because of some few Euro paid out to keep some lockstep with inflation. And there's no guarantee that prices will not have rocketed ahead of incomes by as much as 20% over the coming three months. But of course, the Dail is off on the country's longest holidays and they cannot be held to account in the national chamber. However, general election day will determine what the public thinks of the current performance of the government.

It's not as if the Government didn't know that inflation was a cause for concern last year with the average figure running at 2.4%. Even the Central Bank had put that into perspective. Right now the Cabinet does not know which way to turn as they attempt to deal with the huge deficits in personal incomes that have been chasing price increases since last autumn.

FF and FG have been massaging the message that all increases must be targeted: everyone else knew that when the Government doled out energy vouchers to everyone without once seeming to consider that there is a large swathe of people (those on over €150 grand a year) that simply did not need that largesse. Yet nobody in government has even tried to explain why this €2.4 billion could have done so much more for those on social welfare and in low paid jobs, had it been targeted at the right sectors.

After all, we are tired of listening to Heather Humphries and Leo Varadkar about the need for increases to target the most needy. Where were they when the €2.4 billion was targeted at everyone regardless of being president or the poor?

The Government has been changing its mind on so many things these days that one wonders if they have an oven ready recipe for when the next opinion poll pushes Sinn Fein even further ahead.

What is the cost of wage increases in the public service? The offer of 5% is as unacceptable as it is laughable with inflation geared to pass the 10% mark within the coming weeks. What about those rushing away from the top posts in the HSE and what is the plan to cope with

the summer wave of Covid? Is Stephen Donnelly on top of his game?

The reality is that the government has been reactive since it was elected two years ago and things are not about to improve this year. The best laid plans to cut the hospital waiting lists are merely plans on paper and likewise with housing where most ordinary people just cannot buy a home. And as far as a Mica solution goes, the Government has failed those with damaged homes and that is the honest truth.

There is a big expectation on the Government to spend more money: our money because there will be billions to give away come October. The Cabinet seems fixed on delivering a package that is much too little and far too late. Perhaps it is time to question the judgement of Paschal Donohoe who carries the can, not only for public expenditure but also for ensuring that those pensioners dreading the winter months are given enough money to survive, they are struggling seriously right now and it seems they will have to live hand to mouth until October. This is some country for the poor and for the elderly!

If inflation continues its upward race to the top, it is very possible that a €25 a week increase will not help those most in need... but what? If they were on a €150 grand a year they'd be well looked after.

So where do the parties in Government stand on... say, Navan hospital or is the process the preserve of the HSE or the Minister for Health or even the Taoiseach? Where stands the government on the actual age limit for the old age pension? Remember there was a clamour to push it well out toward seventy years of age a few short years ago: Now it is back to 66... or is that 67?

Targeting the grey brigade has never really worked. Remember Oct. 22nd 2013 when thousands of older people from across the State protested in pouring rain in Dublin city centre against a range of cuts announced in the previous week's budget which were described as mean and unjust. Organisers promised it would be the first of as many protests as it takes to force the Government to reverse such cuts as the abolition of the telephone allowance and bereavement grant, the withdrawal of medical cards from 35,000 people over 70, the reduction in the tax allowance on health insurance, the increase in Dirt tax and the increase in the pension levy. Placards bore such slogans as: "Michael Noonan, Wanted for

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Robbery"; "Kenny, Noonan, Bruton: Three Wise Men? Me Arse", and, "OAPs: Gas Us. It's quicker and cheaper".

Robin Webster, chief executive of Age Action Ireland, told the crowd that the Taoiseach, Enda Kenny, had promised when elected to protect the vulnerable.

"Well, how is the abolition of the phone allowance protecting elderly, isolated people? How is the abolition of the bereavement grant protecting an elderly woman dealing with the grief of losing her spouse or partner?"

Are we to see those posters dusted down once again: same cause, different players but a very distinct coincidence almost nine years later Inflation has hit the elderly and the infirm in a very cruel fashion and it seems the Government has not learnt anything from the miserly budget cuts of 2013. Right now, it is estimated pensioners are out of pocket by €12 a week as a consequence of inflation... but worse will follow because the Government has not been hearing the silent pleas for help, or else they don't want to listen.

The value of the State pension has fallen by €12 a week and more than €1,000 has been wiped from the average worker's pay packet due to soaring inflation since last year.

The Parliamentary Budget Office data reveals the average worker is effectively earning over €1,000 a year less than last year, while the value of the State pension has fallen by €12 a week or €624 a year. Minimum-wage workers, State pensioners and social welfare recipients will suffer the sharpest percentage drop in the value of their incomes.

The figures were compiled to provide guidance to politicians and are based on an inflation forecast of 7% for this year. The ESRI predicted it will average 7.1% but those estimates have already been left behind in the storm of inflation.

The figures reveal that if pay only grows by 2.3% this year, the value of wages will drop €1,949. Gardaí, who are the highest-earning group included, will see a reduction of over €2,000 in the value of their average earnings last year.

The figures have emerged as the Government is being pressed to introduce new measures to help struggling households cope with rising costs. Those who received more modest increases, or none at all, will be hit further in the pocket.

As always, inflation has been highest for the poorest 20% of households, including single minimum-wage earners, most social welfare recipients and State pensioners who are living alone.

The cost of energy, oil and gas is closely linked to the war in Ukraine, and attempts by the western world to wean itself off Russian gas is coming at a hefty price.

In 2021 Russia supplied 40% of Europe's gas. Since the invasion of Ukraine, the picture has changed but how did the EU allow itself to become dependent on Russia for this level of energy?

Energy costs in turn have a huge effect on many other aspects of the economy. They impact heavily on transport costs, up 15.4% from last year, which in turn drives the cost of many goods we buy. Other areas heavily impacted are household energy costs, up by 28.7%.

We are being told that energy cost rises are being addressed by governments worldwide and that includes re-assessing the nuclear option... but don't hold your breath on that one between now and 2050.

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Thrills and spills from the RNLI Soap Box Derby at the Lennon Festival, Ramelton



Jack Doyle overturns his Gocart on Sunday but ends up happy on his feet.



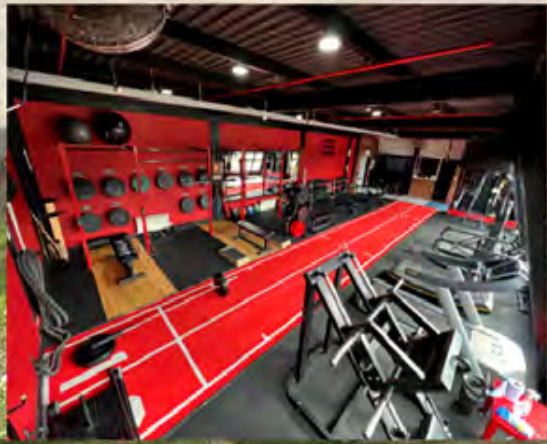
Shaun Herrity ends up with a cut face after rolling his cart on Sunday.



Paddy McFadden's bath loses a wheel and ends up facing the way it was coming during the Soap Box Derby.



Michael Callan's Red Bull cart hits the hay under pressure from Ray McCafferty (No. 19) who flies past.



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Tourism down 50% - Hotel chief

The dramatic slump in tourism nationally is likely to see the number of visitors to Donegal being down by as much as 50% this year: that's according to Mark Wheeler, chairman of the Donegal Hoteliers.

The latest prediction has sent shock waves through the industry that was already devastated last year with the foot and mouth scare and the September 11 atrocities in New York.

Mr. Wheeler who runs the prestigious Rathmullan House Hotel on the shores of Lough Swilly says that numbers are down by 7.5% for June and the situation for July and August right across the county is very dismal indeed.

In seaside resorts across the north west it is the same story with concerns that unless there is a dramatic improvement in bookings for late Summer the industry will face difficulties that will take it years to recover from.

The early indications for the next two months says Mark Wheeler would tend to suggest that advance bookings are back by at least 15%

and midweek occupancy in some instances is only running at less than 40%. The position in Donegal is much worse says sources in the Hotel trade due to our access difficulties and there are demands for extra government revenue for marketing and promotion. However that option has been ruled out since it is believed the budget for marketing for 2002 is already spent.

The Donegal predictions are, in many instances worse than in some other regions, nationally there are deep concerns at the decline in the trade amid very little optimism. Some tourism providers say their business has virtually collapsed amid serious reservations that this country is no longer seen as a worthwhile destination for continental and American travellers. It is a very worrying situation for small family enterprises that have invested heavily in tourism development and promotional marketing and there are fears that these investments have gone down the drain with little prospect of recovering their hard earned money.

Three ordained in St. Eunan's Cathedral...



Bishop Philip Boyce pictured at St. Eunan's Cathedral Letterkenny on Sunday with newly ordained priests, Fr. Manus Ferry, Falcarragh, Fr. Eamonn McLaughlin, Downings and Fr. John Joe Duffy, Burtonport.

St. Eunan's Cathedral was packed to overflowing on Sunday afternoon when the Bishop of Raphoe, Dr. Philip Boyce raised three young men to the priesthood in a two hour ceremony.

He told the crowd that no matter what obstacles are placed in its path the Church will never lose its zeal to go forth and preach the gospel.

The newly ordained priests are Fr. Eamonn McLaughlin of Downings, Fr. John Joe Duffy from Burtonport and Fr. Eamonn Ferry a native of Falcarragh. Fr. Ferry is a member of the Sacred Heart Order and will serve on the mission fields.

It was a proud day for the Diocese and the Bishop was joined by almost all his priests in celebration of the occasion. Long before the ordination rite began the crowds had assembled in the deepening drizzle of this Sunday afternoon.

The area of Downings, Falcarragh and Burtonport were fully represented as the families were joined by the wider community who had come to Letterkenny to rejoice on this special day in the life of their communities.

Inside the Cathedral the three priests to be ordained remained with their parents in the specially reserved pews until they were called for examination prior to their ordination. It was a traditional ceremony bringing forth all the splendour of such an occasion and the sacred music of the occasion lent it's own special theme to this deeply religious rite.

The Cathedral Choir was under the direction of Fr. Michael Carney and the Master of Ceremonies was Fr. Eamonn Kelly whose commentary kept the crowd fully informed of the thirteen parts of the ordination rite.

The three candidates were called forward by the Deacon and after being presented to the Bishop, the Cathedral Administrator Fr. Francis McLoone asked that they be ordained saying "Most Reverend Father, Holy Mother Church asks you to ordain three men, our brothers, for service as priests. Judgement followed and after inquiry among the people of Christ and upon recommendation of these concerned with their training the Administrator testified that they have been found worthy. The homily from the Bishop followed by instruction and examination and the promise of obedience. As the Litany of the Saints were recited the three candidates lay prostrate in front of the Altar. This was followed by the most solemn moment of the whole afternoon.

The laying on of the hands by the Bishop marked their elevation to the priesthood and all clergy joined in. The prayer of consecration was followed by the investiture with Stole and Chasuble and the anointing of hands.

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frain rang out - "Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art."

Bishop Boyce congratulated the three young men for answering God's calling and he wished them well in their ministries.

"May your days and years in the priesthood live up to and surpass all your expectations," the Bishop told the new priests and he said that the bond of their calling has to be absolute and lived out through a deepening sharing of loving and caring from within.

"The ordination of three young men is a precious gift ... this grace is not the result of our own efforts but comes as a gift of God's love."

"Some people may be surprised to see three young men presenting themselves for priestly ordination precisely at this time. The Church is suffering. Religious practice is not as regular or fervent as it used to be. And yet, for those who have the call, for those who have faith, the storms that lash against the barque of Peter do not signal shipwreck or destruction. The Lord is still in the boat, above the noise of the hurricane and the anger of the waves, his voice is heard: "take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid!"

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This years Milford Busking Festival Queen Fionualla Friel pictured seated centre with some of the other girls who took part in the competition last Saturday night in the Milford Hotel with escort Declan Williams.



Lawrence McGettigan with his son Lawrence and daughter Lorraine and his 1940s Threshing Mill at the Kilmacrennan Vintage Day last Sunday.



Fanad winners of the County Community Games Art and modelling finals with parents Mary Friel and Aine Fealty.

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Litter problem a monster... McEniff

Letterkenny's litter problem has been described as a monster by the newly elected Mayor Cllr. Terry McEniff who has pledged a major blitz to make the area a rubbish free zone.

He was speaking following his unanimous election as First Citizen of the Town at the AGM of the Town Council on Monday night when he outlined his priorities for his year in office.

He said the litter problem was one of very serious proportions and he promised to work with the Tidy Towns committee to eliminate the tag which

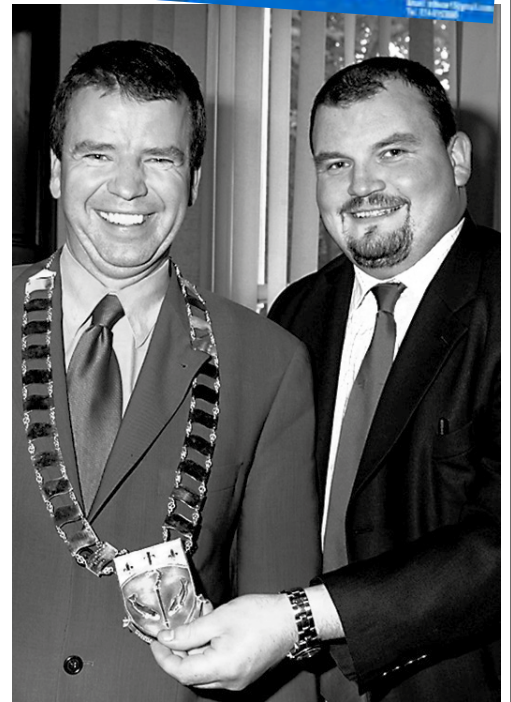
he said was bad for business; tourism and the general progressive attitude of Letterkenny.

He was proposed as Mayor by Cllr. Victor Fisher and seconded by Cllr. Jean Crossan and he was elected unopposed. The outgoing mayor was Cllr. Ciaran Brogan who was also elected as Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. McEniff is proprietor of the Mount Errigal Hotel and first came to Letterkenny in 1984. He lives with his wife Loreto and family of four at Dromore and is closely identified with the promotion of Letterkenny as a tourism destination.

He was first elected to the UDC in 1999 and replaced Cllr. Bernard McGlinchey as a Fianna Fail representative.

McEniff is the town's largest rate payer - a highly successful business man in the Hotel sector and he is closely associated with the GAA and sports development as well as being closely identified with the board of management at Lurgybrack NS. He said it would be nice if his first official function was to welcome Mark Crossan back to Letterkenny with the Anglo Celt Cup after the Ulster final on Sunday.



Cllr. Ciaran Brogan handing the Chain of Office to Cllr. Terry McEniff on Monday night.

Contract signed for Fanad Church

A €415,000 contract for the restoration and complete refurbishment of St. Mary's Church in the Fanad Peninsula was signed on Wednesday evening and local contractor Shaun Clinton will begin the work on Monday.

The signing of the contract marked a milestone for the local community whose fund raising initiative has made the project possible.

It was also a landmark occasion for Fr. Martin Doohan who came to the Fanavolty curacy less than a year ago and he set himself the ambitious target of rebuilding the Church within a year.

In recent times St. Mary's has remained closed while an engineering assessment on its future was being made. It had been thought originally



Pictured at the signing of the contract for Fanavolty Church are Fr. Martin Doohan with the contractor Sean Clinton, left and architect John Masterson, of MH Associates and committee members Jimmy Begley, Patricia Shields, Brigid Carr and Josephine McGroarty.

that a new building was needed since there were fears that the condition of the old church had led to serious concerns that it might not lend itself suitable for restoration. However in the past year the architect John Masterson of MH Associates in

Letterkenny has drawn up a restoration plan that is in keeping with the traditions and ethos of the existing building.

Fr. Doohan has paid tribute to the local community for their hard work and cooperation in getting the project to the construction stage and he has congratulated the architectural team for their specialist work.

St. Mary's is over a hundred and thirty years old and is a stone and lime construction and there was a general wish that its restoration should retain its traditional appearance.

St. Mary's will undergo a major redesign with an extension to accommodate a new sacristy; reconciliation room; changing rooms and toilet access for the disabled.

The Altar will also be refurbished along with the existing gallery area and a new roof will be put in place.

A local fund raising committee has undertaken a very successful campaign to raise the finances for the restoration and Fr. Doohan says he is confident that the new church will be open for midnight Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve.

Contract documents approved for Letterkenny sewerage

Minister of State at the Dept of the Environment Deputy Pat the Cope Gallagher has approved contract documents for the Letterkenny Sewerage Scheme advance works contracts.

The stage involves removing of soil which has been contaminated over the years by the dumping of sewage sludge on the site of the existing waste water treatment plant. The total cost of these works is estimated at over €928,000. Gallagher said the contract is a part of the overall Letterkenny scheme which is included in his departments water services investment programme at an overall cost of €22million.

The issue was debated at length at last months Town Council meeting in Letterkenny with Councillors complaining that a lack of funding had seriously delayed the project. It was alleged the new sewerage scheme was already twenty years too late.

Mevagh Development Association hold first AGM

Mevagh Development Association held its first annual general meeting in the Singing Pub at the end of June with the full committee re-elected following a successful first year.

The group was set up in May 2001 when a group of locals came together to discuss and identify problems that families in the Mevagh area came across. Following the first meeting the name Coise Forbartha Mhiobhuí was agreed on with the main areas identified were, roads, water, Eircom cables, planning problems and the scenery of the area.

Over the past year a lot of the County Councillors and Udaras members have visited the area allocating money for the projects that the group have undertaking. Among the projects the group have been involved in have been, major clean up and grass cutting; employing students on Summer Job Scheme, fixing of Eircom cables and fixing of car parks and scenic areas and positioning of granite place name signs, etc.

The full committee that were re-elected were Chairperson - Joseph O'Donnell; Asst. Chairperson Tommy Clyde; Secretary Michael Gallagher, Asst. Secretaries Bernadette Borland and Susan McBride, Treasurer Marion Gallagher, PRO Paddy McBride, Coista Gaeilge Noreen Goulding and Bernadette Borland.



Sean Black pictured at St. Mary's NS Ramelton on Wednesday with his teacher Leala McCusker and school principal Shaun Boyle. The teachers presented Sean with a bravery award following a car accident when family members were injured near Milford in February. Sean managed to escape from the car and summon help and the school is very proud of Sean who at seven years of age displayed remarkable courage and bravery.



Swilly Mulroy Soccer Academy - Mini World Cup - China winners of the U14 competition with Patrick McGrenaghan of Finn Harps and right, Spain winners of the U12 Competition



Cranford AC impress at National Championships

Cranford AC athletes made the journey to Tullamore to compete with the very best in Ireland this is what they train for to compete at National level. First up was the duo of Faolan Caldwell and Charlie Rogers, both competing very well, Faolan jumping 3.38m and Charlie getting a new PB boys finishing in the top 10 in Ireland.

Oisín McBride was up next Oisín qualified in both the 60m and 600m and his best performance was in the 600m, Oisín got a bit boxed in, but fought hard to get back with the leaders and with a very impressive last 200m Oisín finish in 7th place, great running Oisín.

Last to compete on Saturday was Jerry Coyle in the U13 long jump, Jerry didn't get off to a great start as he broke the board on his first attempt but composed himself and got back to the job in hand, Jerry improved with every jump after that and improving on his PB as well with his final of 4.94m won him the title of All Ireland Champion in impressive style.

Day 2 Aoife Giles was up first in the shot put, this is Aoife last year as a juvenile athlete and was in good form, Aoife got off to a good start throwing over 9m and went on to improve on this and making sure she was in the final 8 for her next 3 throws earning herself a well deserved

Bronze medal in this high standard competition. Great day when you can come away with a National medal. Orla Neely was up next in the U18 girls Discus, Orla threw very well and earning her self a well deserved 5th place finish. Orla will gain valuable experience at this level. Blathnaid Gallagher, took part in the U17 javelin, with her first throw over 19m getting a good first throw in to settle any nerves, Blathnaid finishing up in an impressive 7th place.

Our 800m runners were up next with the duo of Caolan McFadden and Oisín Kelly, both athletes in great form. Clodagh Neely was our only girls at this distance. Clodagh got off to a very good start and the first lap was very fast with Clodagh staying with the pace, Clodagh fell behind slightly going down the back straight, and fought hard to she crossed the line in 10th place. Great run Clodagh. Caolan ran his 800m as he has many times, led the

pack from the start and kicked from the bell with 400m to go and bringing the title and crown of National Champion home. Great running by this young lad. Oisín was up next and with a straight final Oisín knew what he had to do, getting off to a great start and settling in with the lead pack for 600m and with Oisín familiar /famous kick their was no stopping him and coming down home straight Oisín crossed the line as National Champion. Amy Cul-

len was Cranford AC last competitor today in the girls U16 long jump Amy first jump was a great jump of 5.20m and a new PB Amy went on to claim a silver medal and her first ever National medal, great day and performance for Amy. Great weekend for Cranford AC at the National track and field championships, thanks to all the coaches and parents who travelled. Good luck to Aoife, Amy, Caolan and Oisín who will compete again this weekend.



Cranford AC held a surprise party to mark their chairman's Eamonn Giles 80th birthday at the Club Training Grounds at Rosapenna and pictured are presentations made to Eamonn from the Club.



The members of Cranford AC pictured with Eamonn Giles.

Donegal Connect launched

The Irish Embassy in London was the location for the Donegal Connect launch on Wednesday last as part of the Global Irish Festival Series.

The series was set up as a legacy opportunity of the Gathering in 2013 which saw Fáilte Ireland and the Dept of Foreign Affairs collaborate to present this unique opportunity for thousands of Irish people around the world to reconnect with home.

The launch was hosted by Ambassador Adrian O'Neill with Patrick O'Donovan T.D and Ceann Comhairle Seán Ó Fearghail also in attendance.

Donegal Connect 2022, is being co-ordinated by Donegal County Council and will take place from 23rd to 25th September and is a county-wide event aimed at encouraging Donegal people to make the trip back home and celebrate the county's unique culture, uncover shared histories and forge new and lasting connections.

The Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards take centre stage for this year's Donegal Connect. Taking place on 23rd September at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel it promises to be an enthralling night celebrating those who continue to contribute greatly to not just the county of Donegal but the whole island of Ireland and indeed to Irish communities all over the world.

Other highlighted events to watch out for are the Donegal Connect Carnival in Swan Park, Bun-

na, and the Donegal 'Its in our DNA' Genealogy Workshop. Further information on the Donegal Connect programme can be found at <https://donegal.ie/en/donegal-connect>. The programme will continue to be updated over the coming weeks and months.

Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr. Liam Blaney, commented: "Donegal Connect 2022 promises to be an exciting weekend celebrating all things Donegal, from culture to arts to history and business. Engaging with our Diaspora is such an important focus for Donegal County Council and I'm very much looking forward to Donegal Connect this September."

Speaking about the Global Irish Festival Series, Fáilte Ireland's Head of Festivals, Ciara Sugrue, said: "We are pleased to work with the Department of Foreign Affairs once again on the annual Global Irish Festival Series after a two-year hiatus. The festivals and events supported through the series will help drive tourism to specific locations, including regional areas outside of current hotspots, creating new economic benefits for local communities. This will be hugely important as we drive recovery across the tourism sector."

Full details on the wider programme for the Global Irish Festival Series can be found at Global Irish Festival Series 2022 | Ireland.com



Donegal guests pictured at the launch of Donegal Connect (which takes place on 23rd to 25th September 2022) as part of the Global Irish Festival Series in the Irish Embassy in London, from left to right – Ella Martin, Ray Martin, Marian Quinn, Seamus Quinn, Garry Martin, Brendan Vaughan, Tim Kelly, Richard Logue and Anne Marie Conlon.

Golf News - Golf News

Lady Captain's Day at Cloughaneely

Congratulations to Lady Member Caroline McGee on winning Donna Gallagher's Ladies Captains Prize at Cloughaneely Golf Club on Saturday. Congratulations to Martin Giles on winning the 9 Hole Gents Prize last Saturday.

The club had a great turnout last Sunday for the Golfer of the Year Competition. 1st: Tom Herrity (27) 45pts; 2nd: Sean MacIntyre (14) 42pts; CAT 1: Cian McGarvey (3) 29pts gross; CAT 2: Brian McGee (19) 36pts; CAT 3: Jordan McGrath (30) 37pts BOT. Well done Tom great shooting a man to watch out for Captain's Prize alter this month! Thank you to Ciaran Gallagher Errigal Motors for his kind sponsorship.

There was a good turnout for the Lady Captain's 9 Hole Competition. 1st: Martin Giles (23) 23pts; 2nd: Joe McGarvey GAA (18) 20pts; 3rd: Philip McGeady (12) 19pts. The 9 Hole Scram-

ble on Friday 1st July; 1st: Fergal Kilfeather, Stephen McCafferty & Donna Gallagher; 2nd: Dermot McCallion, Joe Doherty & Anne Collum. A number of inter-club matches this week best of luck to all teams and players representing the club.

Cumann Gaifl Chloich Cheann Fhaola are delighted to announce 2022 Golf Open Week from 8th to 17th July. A mixture of singles and team events. Open to Ladies and Gents. We are offering an unlimited open week member's pass for €50 that includes entry to all competitions and re-entry is also included in that super value! Open Week passes can be purchased from the golf club now for Open Week. To book tel 074 9165416 or book online on our website. Cumann Gaifl Chloich Cheann Fhaola wishes to thank all our generous sponsors. Míle buíochas dár n-urraithe uilig.



Donna Gallagher Cloughaneely Golf Club 2022 Lady Captain

Portsalon

Team Results

With lots of team golf currently going on, a reminder to team captain's if you want your results included in the notes, please send details via email to: admin@portsalongolfclub and they will be added.

Captain's Prize 2022

Mr Eamonn McConigley's Captain's Day takes place on Saturday 23rd July and the time sheet is now available for booking. Members are urged to make their bookings in good time for what will be a busy day and, please, free up any slots that are not being used to allow as many golfers as possible to get their times booked.

Open Week 2022

Portsalon's 2022 Open Week is underway from Wednesday of this week through until Thursday 14th July, with an array of competitions for gents and ladies across eight days. Full details of fixtures are below and the timesheets are now open for bookings.



Pictured at Lady Captain's Day at Cloughaneely Golf Club are Mary Cox, Lady Captain Donna Gallagher, Winner Caroline McGee, Sadie Marie Curran, Eilish Walsh



Pictured at Lady Captain's Day at Cloughaneely Golf Club are Anne Collum, Roisin McGee, Donna Gallagher, Edel Roarty, Kathleen Rodgers



Cloughaneely Golf Club Ladies Group pictured with Donna Gallagher Cloughaneely 2022 Lady Captain at her Captain's Day.

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<p>Friday 15th July Open 4 Person Waltz <small>Sponsored by Various Sponsors</small></p>	<p>Thursday 21st July Open Mixed Scotch Foursomes <small>Sponsored by Arnolds Hotel</small></p>
<p>Saturday 16th July Open Ladies & Gents Single Stroke <small>Sponsored by Cooney's Home Interiors</small></p>	<p>Friday 22nd July Ladies & Gents Open Seniors <small>Sponsored by Flynn Vets</small></p>
<p>Sunday 17th July Gents Open Stableford <small>Sponsored by O'Hara Harrison</small></p>	<p>Saturday 23rd July Open 4BBB Stableford (Any Combination) <small>Sponsored by Highland Radio</small></p>
<p>Monday 18th July Open 3 BBB (Any Combination) <small>Sponsored by Moores Holiday Homes</small></p>	<p>Sunday 24th July Open Classic <small>Sponsored by Lafferty's Supermarket Creeslough</small></p>
<p>Tuesday 19th July Ladies Open Stableford <small>Sponsored by McAuliffes Craft Shop</small></p>	<p>Timesheet in Operation All Welcome</p>

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Thursday 14th July: Singles Stableford

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LADIES ONLY Club Results

Wednesday 29th June

1st: John McGinley (26) 42pts; 2nd Eddie McCleary (10) 39pts; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (3) 33gross pts; 3rd: Ronan McAteer (5) 38pts.

Saturday 2nd July - 1st Brian Doyle (25) 42pts; 2nd Daniel Shields (10) 41pts; Gross Diarmuid Logue (7) 31pts; 3rd Michael O'Hara (24) 39pts

Sunday 3rd July, sponsored by Total Golf- 1st Rory McDermott (23) 42pts; 2nd Donal Barrett (16) 41pts; Gross: Pascal Cullen (7) 31pts; 3rd: Anthony McFadden (29) 39 pts.

Portsalon Ladies

Well done to Eileen McLarnon who won the Sunday Members Competition (3rd July) with 37pts, closely followed by Patricia McAteer on 36pts.

Intermediate Team News

The Ladies Intermediate Team, captained by Roseanne Logue will meet Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf

Club this weekend in what promises to be a great local derby. Portsalon have their first home draw of the competition and expect to capitalise on this opportunity with 3 players at home and 2 away. Best of luck ladies.

Lady Captains Day

Mrs Brighidin Hawke will host her Lady Captain's Day on Saturday 6th August and members are reminded to submit at least 3 qualifying cards to be eligible to compete for her prize.

Dates for your diaries

Fri-22 Jul: Mr Captains, Eamon (Becks) McConigley's Prize to Ladies (GOTY); Sun-24 Jul: Members Competition (GOTY) and Alt Day 22-Jul.; Sat-30 Jul: Charlie Canning Memorial; Sun-31 Jul: Medal Competition (GOTY), Alt Day 29-Jul; Sat-06 Aug: Mrs Brighidin Hawke's, Lady Captain's Day GOTY; Sat-20 Aug: Mr Presidents Dr Paul Armstrong Day (GOTY)



Cloughaneely Golf Club Lady Captain Donna Gallagher pictured with her family at her Lady Captain's Day last weekend.

TV show 'Moving West' turns its lens to Donegal



Mary Kennedy with Cathal O'Gallachoir at Glenveagh

Popular TG4 show, *Moving West*, paid a visit to Donegal which included Glenveagh, Gortahork and Brinalack as they followed a number of people who have made the move west in recent times.

by Eamonn McFadden

The inspiring TV series has been commissioned for a second year running on TG4, and once again the series is presented by one of Ireland's favorite television personalities Mary Kennedy and is produced by Dundara Television & Media in association with The Western Development Commission.

Speaking to the Tribune last week, presenter Mary said she loves to visit the wilds of Donegal and help tell the stories of those who have taken the plunge and moved west.

"It was great to be here again. The filming is going really well and last year we were amazed by the stories and the people we met. Plus, the courage they have shown really struck a chord with a lot of people. The people we have met here in Donegal are just wonderful as well. I think Irish people just have that sense of adventure, we are a nation of people who have travelled for various reasons, emigration, missionary work, NGOs, so we are familiar with the whole concept of reaching out. We also have a great sense of community."

Mary said that while she enjoys visiting Donegal on holiday with her family and friends, with Magheraroarty being among her favorite destinations, she doesn't think a move west is on the cards for her at her time of life, but Donegal person of the year, Noel Cunningham is a close friend and she really enjoys the Donegal sense of humor.

Mary fronted one of RTE's long standing flagship programmes, *Nationwide*, for many years and says she enjoys having more free time to spend with her children and grandchildren, but that she greatly admires the courage of those who feature in the new series.

"I think what is very important for the people we have featured in each series of *Moving West* is the emphasis they have on how they live their lives and how they raise their families, that is so important to them," she added.

Enda Grace of Dundara Television & Media, who himself has strong local Donegal connections through his wife's family, the McBride's in Portsalon, said it was great to meet the people who made the decision to leave the cities and head west, in some cases returning to their roots, while for others it was a completely new experience.

He explained "This is the second series and the first series was a big success. We explore the lives of people who have moved to the west of Ireland

and their reasons why. We have some people who have moved back to the area that they are originally from and then there are people moving for the first time. For example we were here visiting with Cathal Ni Gallachoir. He is now working in Glenveagh National Park, and he moved here with his wife Jana, who is Czech. He had moved away to Dublin and now they are back so we are exploring those types of stories. We did a piece with him in the national park and thankfully we got good weather in Dublin but has been developing so we were very pleased with that and it came out metal work and says this is something he hopes will flourish into a full time business for him.

It also features Sinead McGee from West Donegal He stated: "I love it here and I spent who has returned from all my summers here. My father is Australia and to work from near the Post Office in Brinlack. I now work out of an old Letterkenny.

Another person who is set to feature is Neil Ferry. While he has a very local sounding name, Neill is originally from Ballyfermot in Dublin but has strong ties to the area through his father who is from the Gaoth Dobhair area. Neill now lives in Brinlack and runs a fledgling business called Donegal Copper Coast specialising in artworks fashioned from copper.

Neil and his family have been living in the gaeltacht area for the last three years and he says he loves it.

Neil has worked in construction for many years



Producer and Director Enda Grace with Mary Kennedy in Brinlack last week.

heritage cottage making copper art called Donegal Copper Crafts." He says one of the key things that has helped him settle in the area was getting out and about and being involved in the local community.

The new series of *Moving West* is due out in the Autumn on TG4.



Neil Ferry at Donegal Copper Coast



Sinead McGee.

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The Moving West Crew filming at Glenveagh.

Golf News - Golf News

Rosapenna

The Gents Four Ball Better Ball competition played over the Sandy Hills Links on Saturday the 2nd of July resulted as follows - 1st - Peter Smyth & Mark Bradley, with 42pts

The Gents Singles competition played over the Old Tom Morris Links on Sunday the 3rd of July resulted as follows (Entries - 49 Pax) Cat A (<13) - Paddy B McClafferty (12) with 38pts; Cat B (14-21) - Brian McCormick (16*) with 41pts; Cat C (22+) - Enda McClafferty (25*) with 37pts; Gross - Micheal Bradley Snr (6*) with 32 gross pts. Two's - Micheal Bradley Snr

Team Golf

Congratulations to the AIG Senior Cup Team who defeated Lisburn GC on Sunday 3rd July in the Ulster semi final. With two ties taking place in Rosapenna, and three ties taking place in Lisburn - the team won by a scoreline of 3-2, securing two matches away and one at home overcoming the home advantage held by Lisburn. The team now face Cushendall in the final of Ulster North, this is the first Ulster final that Rosapenna have reached since the Ulster Mixed Foursomes final in 2014. The Ulster final will take place at Portsalon Golf Club on Saturday July 16th at 2.30pm, good luck to all involved.

The Donegal League team were also in action on Sunday, away to Bundoran. They were able to secure 2 matches from 5 and are 10 holes down with the return leg set to take place at Rosapenna on Sunday, July 17th at 3.00pm. Well done to the team that travelled on Sunday and best wishes for the return leg.

Well done to the Junior League team who beat Bundoran 5-0 at home on Sunday over the Old Tom Morris Links in their first round, first leg tie. The return leg is yet to be set, best wishes to the panel of players.

Good luck to the AIG Junior Cup

team who play Dunmurry in the Ulster semi final with three ties at Rosapenna this coming Sunday the 10th at 3.00pm, the two away ties are set for the following Sunday the 17th.

2022 Golfer of the Year

The next Golfer of the Year event is scheduled for Sunday July 17th. A full points table is posted on the members noticeboard in the front foyer of the Golf Pavilion.

Club Matchplay Events

Michael Bonner Singles Scratch Matchplay Round Two, must be completed by Monday July 11th. Seamus Mallon Singles Matchplay Round Two, must be completed by TODAY, Monday July 4th

Doubles Matchplay, Round Three, must be completed by Monday 25th July

See all draws on the members notice board in the front foyer of the Golf Pavilion. All ties in previous rounds which were not completed, coin-flips have now been tossed & draws updated accordingly.

Rosapenna Ladies

Many thanks to McGinley Solicitors of Milford & Letterkenny who kindly sponsored last Saturdays competition and congratulations to Anne Currie (20) who had 36 points to claim first prize. Marina Hamilton (36) was runner up with 35 points. Category A was won by Lorraine Toolin (17) with 33 points while Luz Doocy (32) win category B with 33 points BOT. Cecilia Doran (28) won the first nine with 22 points and Kit Boyce (20) won the back nine with 20 points. June 9 hole monthly winner was Petrina Conlon (24) 23pts, and Cliona Murphy (17) 21pts runner up.

The monthly 9 hole competition takes place Monday to Friday with entries into the Competition book only and no entry into the computer, while the Draw for the Lady Cup currently on the notice board with the first two rounds due to be completed on or before 10th

July. Summer is here and the Friday Nine & Dine continues this Friday for groups of four, any combination with Tee times bookable from 4pm to 5.50pm via the App, with 2 scores to count at each hole €20 entry fee including food and prizes. Next Saturday, the Annual Terry Casey Memorial (GOY) will take place kindly sponsored by Pauline McManus, followed by a stroke competition on Saturday 16th July.

Upcoming Fixtures -

July: Friday 8th - Nine & Dine. Sign up via BRS App; Saturday 9th - Terry Casey Memorial - Sandy Hills Links x 18 & Valley 9 @ 6.00pm; Sunday 10th - Gents Singles / Old Tom Morris Links; Saturday 16th - Gents Four Ball Better Ball / Sandy Hills Links; Sunday 17th - Gents Singles, Golfer of the Year / Old Tom Morris Links; Saturday 23rd - Gents Four Ball Better Ball / Sandy Hills Links; Sunday 24th - Gents Singles / Old Tom Morris Links

Monday 25th July - ALL MEMBER GOLF WILL CHANGE TO THE SANDY HILLS LINKS FOR BOTH CASUAL & COMPETITION PLAY AS WE PREPARE THE OLD LINKS FOR THE 2022 IRISH LEGENDS, AUGUST 15th - 21st.

Saturday 30th July - The 103rd Leitrim Cup Qualifying sponsored by The Pavilion Golf Shop Sandy Hills Links; Sunday 31st July - The 103rd Leitrim Cup Matchplay sponsored by The Pavilion Golf Shop, Gents Singles / Sandy Hills Links. Monday 1st August - The 103rd Leitrim Cup Final sponsored by The Pavilion Golf Shop Sandy Hills Links.

Letterkenny

Very best wishes are extended to Club Captain, Ian Ireland ahead of Captain's Day this Saturday, 9th July. The course is in excellent condition and a busy timesheet will ensure that it promises to be another exciting

day of golf at Barnhill. The timesheet for entries will close at 6pm on Thursday and the draw for playing partners (within the hour slot booked) will take place later on Thursday evening.

There are a host of other events taking place this week including the Captain's Prize for the junior golfers on Friday and the traditional pre-Captain's mixed foursome competition, also on Friday.

Team News

Kevin Roche's Minor League team will take a 3 1/2 to 1 1/2 lead into the second league of their match away to

Portsalon. In the first league at Letterkenny on Sunday last there were wins for John Russell / Tommy Grealy (7 and 6), Christy Nee / Tony Duffy (6 and 4), Finian Ferry / Noel Duggan 3 and 1; while Dermot Rainey / Cian Walsh halved their match. The pairing of Joe Browne / Mark Cohen were defeated 3 and 2.

Results

It took a break of tie to decide the top spots in last Wednesday's Value Centre Wholesale Open on June 29. Both Bobby Mulally and William White carded 41 points, but Bobby (22) won out on count-back. John Paul Clarke was one point back on 40 points and he was third overall. The gross prize winner was David McGowan (6) on 39 points and the Category prize winners were as follows: Category 8-16, Philip Cassidy 39 pts; Category 17-21, John Russel, 36 pts; Category 22-27, Paddy McCafferty 36 pts; Category 28+ Mike Sneddon 37 pts.

Noel Duggan (19) parred ten holes on his way to a brilliant 44 points and that was enough to win Saturday's Open which was kindly sponsored by IMotors Letterkenny.

Former club captain Colin Morrow had his best score for some time, his 41 points giving him second place on a break of tie from Michael Nelis. Kevin Rafferty (3), one of the most consistent players in the club this year, was the gross prize winner with 36 points. The Category prize winners were: Category 8-14, Ciaran Moore 41 pts; Category 15-21, Dessie Ferry, 38 pts; Category 22-27, Paddy McCafferty 39 pts; Category 28+, Seamus Lynch, 40 pts.

Sunday's competition was off the back tees and well done to Graeme Donnell (28) who produced a fine score of 40 points for victory. He had just a point to spare from Barry Ramsay and Tony Logue who were separated into second and third



Winner of the Dillons Hotel Competition in Letterkenny Golf Club, Siobhan Wherity and Kay Kelly, runner up, pictured with Lady Captain Triona.

spot on a break of tie on 39 pts. Jack McGarrigle (7) was the gross prize winner with 34 points. Monday night's Category 4 competition was played in perfect conditions and Kevin Collins kept up his recent good run of form with another winning score, his 28 points for 13 holes saw him finish top of the leaderboard on a break of tie from Columba Crawford.

Letterkenny Ladies

On Tuesday 21st June, Dillons Hotel were the sponsor of the club competition with Siobhan Wherity (45) with a fabulous score of 40pts to win and runner up was Kay Kelly (32) with another fine score of 39 pts. Catherine Cooke-Harkin (24) came 3rd with 37pts BOT. Front 9 went to Mena Breslin-Delap (37) with 23 pts and back 9 went to Sarah Buchanan (36) with 20pts. Many thanks to Dillons Hotel for their sponsorship and congratulations to all of the winners.

Team News

The Revive Active team, captained by Eileen Williamson and assisted by Monica Mc Donagh played Larne on Saturday 2nd July with 3 matches playing at home and 2 away. Letterkenny managed to secure 3 matches so its onwards and upwards as Letterkenny play Portnoo in the semi-final. The Maire O Donnell team, captained by Cynthia Fuery and Tracy Spence will play Ballybofey and Stranloran in the next round. Well done to all and Lady Captain Triona would like to wish the teams all the best as they progress onto their next rounds.

Mr Captains Day

The Letterkenny Ladies club would like to wish Mr Captain Ian Ireland best wishes for his Captain's Day on Saturday 9th July. The weather forecast is looking good so here's hoping for lots of sunshine on the day.

Rathmullan

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be making a welcome return for a Seaside Market in Rathmullan on Sunday 17th July from 10.30am, weather permitting. There will be locally produced goods, including home baking, ready meals, salads, fresh eggs and vegetables, vegetarian and vegan options, jams, chutneys, crafts and more available on the day. Come early to grab a bargain. Support local businesses and sustainable living.

Scruffs Dog Show

After a Covid break, the famous Scruffs Dog Show returns to The Battery Grounds on Sunday 31st July at 2pm. All pedigree, crossbreed and mongrels welcome, any size, shape or age. Judge this year will be Professional Kennel Club Judge & Dog Trainer Marty Potts. Further enquiries 086 4405757.

The Rathmullan 5K

The Rathmullan 5K takes place this Friday (8th July) at 7.30pm

Weekly Summer Courses

Eco Atlantic Adventures and the Rathmullan Sailing School have both started their weekly courses on the water.

Sailing Ship

A lovely sight was the rigged sailing ship - Lady of Avenel (pictured right) which moored off Rathmullan over the weekend

Tidy Towns

The Judging can take place anytime from now onwards, and the committee have been busy preparing for another summer season ahead. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have planted, weeded and painted and helped out in any way recently. However, if you have time and can lend a hand, even for a short while, then please call our Secretary Laura 085 2162953 to offer your services. We are also open for sponsorship for a seat or bench, in memory of a loved one, or just to help out in our community efforts, then please do get in touch, as all offers of materials, labour, or funds will be gratefully accepted.

Many thanks to all residents, businesses and holiday home owners who have taken the time to freshen up their properties and add window boxes and tidy up in their own areas. Much has already been done, but more yet to do, so thank you, every little helps improve the overall effect of our town. First impressions are key, so if everyone just lifted the litter on the streets in their own area, then that would be a great help to us all.

Yoga with Jane

Yoga with Jane will begin in the Ray Community Centre on Saturdays from 10-11 starting 9th July. €10 BRING OWN MATS /PROPS if possible. ALL levels welcome include



beginners. 086 8367776 to book or for more info.

Clean Coasts

The weekly Pier area and beach cleans take place every Wednesday, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10am. New volunteers and support always welcome, and thanks to those who come out every week in all weathers to help keep our beaches, shorefront

and street areas litter free. To help us reduce waste and save natural resources, please bring your own clean reusable coffee cups (BYO) to the shops and vendors. The Government plan to introduce a levy on disposable cups in due course, so why not get ahead of the posse and start using yours now during the summer? As well as that, we are actively promoting Plastic Free July, so BYO refilla-

ble water bottles is another great idea to cut down on waste. We are also asking all local businesses to join Refill.ie and then clients could ask to have their own Reusable Water Bottle filled up with tap water Free of charge. Every little helps our environment especially less plastic, so help us too, and do the 2 minute Beach Clean anytime, with the equipment on the stand at the Car Park entrance.

The return of the Fanad Coastal Walk

Saturday saw the Fanad Coastal Walk resume after a two year absence due to Covid and what a great day out we had.

The Coastal Walk is very much a family affair, organised by the Begley's Shannagh, who leave no stone unturned to ensure a great day out for local and visitor alike and this the 10th Walk didn't disappoint. Over a hundred walkers and five runners departed the Community Centre shortly after 10am for a glorious walk over hill, dale and coast. Fanad has it all to lure the seasoned walker: quiet back roads; grassy lane ways; hill trails; bog; fields; stony shores and soft sand, sure what more could you wish for only a dry day to enjoy

the fabulous views as they unfold before us and that was catered for too! Coastal Walk Day is a great opportunity for us local walkers to promote Fanad and all it has to offer. This year as we summited Murrin and the sun shone we could point out local surfing and swimming beaches, the network of hill trails from the old Coffin Road to the trails on Drumnacraig Hill to Lough Doire for Brown Trout Angling, Portsalon for kyacking; sea angling; sea tours and children's water safety courses and summer camps.

The great Fanad community spirit swings into action on Coastal Walk Day and is on full show to our visitors from Mary Rose and her catering team who look after us so well: from



Mary Rose Begley and Ann Sweeney preparing refreshments for the walkers at the Fanad Coastal Walk on Saturday.

Mary Rose's and Ann's homebaking to the beautiful array of homemade jams which has made Mary Rose's Ginger Bread now a famed Coastal Walk treat among walkers countrywide. We also have the families who live along the route making sure we have plenty water and providing sweet treats to keep the energy levels high. The Marshalls and Coastguard who ensure we don't go astray and to Eimear and team at the Lighthouse who provide us with more refreshments at the end.

All of this would not be possible without the continuing support of our local landowners who each year do more than expected to ensure a safe and pleasant walk for all.

It is the one day of the year when you walk with visitors and and when they state: 'you must be local' you are proud to say 'aye from Fanad, born and bred'.

Here's to the next 10 Fanad Coastal walks.



An unscheduled water break at Larry's during the Fanad Coastal Walk.

Walsh wins NI Cup medal



Caoimhe Walsh with the NI League Cup with her parents Hughie and Deirdre.

There was Northern Ireland Cup joy for Kerrykeel woman Caoimhe Walsh last Wednesday night in Belfast. Walsh was a member of the Stion Swifts Ladies side that lifted the Women's Premiership League Cup trophy at the Blanchflower Stadium. It took an extra-time double from substitute Cora Chambers to secure the Strabane club the 2-0 win over Cliftonville. Other Donegal women in the winning squad were Kerryanne Brown (Greencastle) and Zoe McGlynn (Raphoe) who both started while Ellie Long (Candonagh) was a sub. Another Donegal link with Swifts is Letterkenny man Tony Blake who is the goalkeeping coach. Caoimhe Walsh is very well known in footballing circles locally and further afield. She won a national soccer title with Mulroy College Milford and went on to play with NUI Maynooth. Caoimhe previously played with Derry City in the Northern Ireland League At under-age level in the Donegal Women's League, Walsh was a prolific goal scorer. That talent was spotted and saw her feature at international level as well as attracting the attention of Derry City. Caoimhe is the daughter of Hughie and Deirdre Walsh. And she is the granddaughter of the late John Joe McAteer who sadly passed away at Christmas. John Joe had managed the Kerrykeel 71 Club for over 40 years before being succeeded by Hughie Walsh.



Pupils from Drumfad National School had an action filled year and pictured above are some of the activities they took part.

New VR experience to be launch in Fanad Lighthouse

A new virtual reality experience for Donegal is set to be launched at Fanad Lighthouse next Wednesday. Entitled "The Storm, The Sea - The Saldanha" it will be launched by Cllr Liam Blaney.

This new VR experience will go back in time to the Napoleonic era and experience the last hours of the HMS Saldanha (1809) which shipwrecked off the coast of Fanad Head (1811) hitting the Swilly rocks in Donegal, Ireland.

Hosted by Donegal County Council and TIDE, or 'Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism' project, this project intends to aid organisations and practitioners in the Atlantic region tourism development sector in identification of potential niche tourism packages.

TIDE will use Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) in archaeology and submarine exploration fields to enrich visitor experiences and introduce an exciting new dimension to tourism and cultural heritage of the Atlantic regions.

Detailing this unique VR experience they state: "The World had been at war for 18 years from 1793. France were at war with Europe and often attempted to use Ireland as a back door to England with attempts from 1796 to as late as 1811 to gain entry into Ireland. The HMS Talbot and HMS Saldanha guarded the Western Seaboard together as



they patrolled the waters along the South of the Irish Coast. It was during one of these trips that the ships took for shelter during strong gales and heavy seas, both heading for Lough Swilly for shelter. Captain William Packenham last lodged HMS Saldanha papers in Cork Harbour on 18th November 1811. On 30th November both HMS Talbot and HMS Saldanha sailed together, Talbot lost sight of the Saldanha on the night of 30th November 1811 due to poor visibility. Talbot could not make it to Lough Swilly and had to seek shelter from the storm around the Arranmore Islands. On the night of 4th December 1811, there was a sighting of two ships in Lough Swilly which later shipwrecked - it was believed at the time, that both the Talbot and the Saldanha had shipwrecked, to later find out that the ship Saldanha had in fact split in two. According to the logs, 274 men lost their

lives with over 200 bodies and materials washed up on Ballymastocker Bay. One person survived the shipwreck alive, local folklore believe he was administered poitin (a traditional Irish distilled beverage), but died later. Captain Packenham's body was also washed up wearing his nightcap and gown, along with 273 crew. Captain Packenham's green parrot also survived the shipwreck, but met it's fate in August 1812, when a farmer in Burt (20 miles from the shipwreck and 8 months later) mistook the bird as a hawk and shot it - it had a gold ring around it's neck 'Captain Packenham of His Majesty's ship Saldanha'.

It is believed the resting place of the crew is at Ballymastocker Bay but this is yet to be confirmed. Both Captain Packenham's final resting place in the Old Priory at Rathmullan and Lieutenant Harry Salter of the Marines has been buried locally at Linsfort Church. Some artifacts have survived to today, cannons, anchors, the ship's bell and one of the ship's mast which is located in Rathmullan Presbyterian Hall (now a library). Due to the tragedy, Fanad Lighthouse was built and opened on 17th March 1817." TIDE will use Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) in archaeology and submarine exploration fields to enrich visitor experiences and introduce an exciting new dimension to tourism and cultural heritage of the Atlantic regions.

Gaisce Gold Award to Samantha

79 young people from across Ireland including three from Donegal have been commended for their outstanding commitment to personal development and contribution to society at the Gaisce Gold Award ceremony on Tuesday. **Samantha Gallagher from Morross, daughter of Norman and Jennifer is pictured right receiving her award from President Higgins.**

President Michael D Higgins delivered the Gaisce Gold Award to each recipient at a ceremony which took place at Áras an Uachtaráin - the first Gaisce Gold Award Ceremony to take place in three years. Combined, recipients invested more than 25,000 hours in personal development and voluntary activities to achieve these awards. In order to complete a Gold Gaisce Award, each of today's recipients set and achieved their own goals across challenge areas that include personal skill, physical activity, community involvement, team adventure journey and a residential project. Since its inception, Gaisce has been committed to ensuring the accessibility of the Award, and to ensuring every young person can see themselves in the Award. Gaisce celebrates the innate talents and abilities of all young people in Ireland, regardless of their circumstances.



Dry Stone Wall Workshop

There will be a Dry Stone Wall Workshop at Fanad Head on Saturday the 16th and Sunday the 17th of July.

Learn the art of dry stone walling and refresh or improve your walling skills. For enquiries text 087 4189131 or email caitefealty@gmail.com for full details.

Everyone is welcome to come along and help keep this old traditional skill alive in the area.

Summer Sale.

Clondevaddock Parish Summer Sale will take place in Tamney Church Hall on Saturday 16th July at 3pm. The sale will include: Home Baking, Jams, Plants,

Books, Bric-a-Brack, Teas and an Auction. A Dog Show will commence at 1.45pm. All are welcome.

Tamney Health Centre Vaccinations

We are currently NOT offering any Covid 19 booster vaccines. If you are eligible for a booster you can avail of it at the vaccination centre in Letterkenny.



Fanad Gaels Under 11 team who played Milford at the weekend.

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Pre-school Boosters

If your child is between 4-5 years of age please ensure they attend the surgery to receive their pre-school vaccines, regardless of whether they are starting school this September or not.

Chronic Disease Management

For CDM patients please ensure you attend twice yearly for your appointments. These appointments are important for enabling us to help you manage your condition well in the community which may, in turn, reduce the likelihood of hospitalisation.

Prescriptions

Please allow 2 working days for processing of prescriptions.

Fanad Lighthouse - still recruiting!

We are inviting applications for the post of Marketing Officer at Fanad Lighthouse. This will be an ideal post for someone with a 3rd level qualification in tourism/marketing/business and who demonstrates an interest in promoting and developing tourism in the area. This 2 year post is supported by Udarás na Gaeltachta and the successful candidate will be part of a learning network of strategic tourism projects in Gaeltacht areas. Fluent Irish, both spoken and written will be essential. The closing date for applications is Monday 15 August. Full details of the post are available on our website www.fanadlighthouse.com

Lighthouse Opening Hours

The lighthouse is currently open 7 days per week from 10am to 6pm. We are back in full flow this year with fully guided tours including climbing the tower but you can also do a self-guided ground floor only tour. It's best to book online at www.fanadlighthouse.com for the tower tour. The café is always a reason to drop down and if you need a present for anyone, why not give something from Fanad? We have a range of unique locally produced gifts suitable for all pockets.

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Conan Doherty Ballyherring, who got 1st place in u8 Art at County finals in Letterkenny last Sunday. Conan will represent Donegal at the National finals.

Monday Wednesday and Fridays, starting at 7pm at Trialough Community Centre. It still not too late to join and this will be a good opportunity to practice your Irish while improving your fitness levels. Just come along and join in - learn a few words of Irish as you get fit. Bigi linn! For more info contact Leanne on 0863578503

Fanad Festival

The Fanad Festival will run throughout the August Bank Holiday weekend, between Thursday 28th of July to Sun 31st of July.

Bingo

The Fanad Bingo continues in the Community Centre every Monday evening at 8pm and everyone welcome.

Ceili Dancing

The Ceili and Old Time Dancing resumed in the Fanavolt Hall on Tuesday and continues every Tuesday night from 8-10pm and everyone is welcome.

Day Centre

If you would like to come and have your lunch and join in the many other activities that take place in the Fanad Day Centre all you have to do is contact Patricia Shiels on 9159631 or 087 7720043. Transport can also be arranged.

TUS Vacancy in the Glen

A vacancy has arisen in the old school Glenvar for person to carry out cleaning duties in the old school and Glenvar chapel. Applicants must be in receipt of Social welfare payment for more than one year. Contract is for one year. If interested please contact Teresa 086 3342346.

RSS vacancy

A position has become available on the Rural Social Scheme in the Glenvar area. Interested parties must be in receipt of a Farm Assist or a Social Welfare Payment. HERD No is a requirement and must also be actively farming. Contact RSS Supervisor Criostóir Mac Suibhne of Udarás na Gaeltachta by email to the following address c.macsuibhne@udas.ie

Creeslough link in Derry GAA squad

There will be plenty of interest in the Creeslough and Ramelton areas on this Saturday evening's All-Ireland semi-final between Derry and Galway at Croke Park. Derry defender Conor Doherty is the son of Neil Doherty, originally from Glen, Carrigart while both Cillian McDaid and Sean Kelly both have Ramelton family ties.



crew won the Donegal International Rally in 2012. Galway midfielder Cillian McDaid is the son of Garvan McDaid and the grandson of the late Eamonn McDaid. Among his dad Garvan's first cousins living locally are Paul McDaid and Grace Boyle (Gartan) along with his uncle Edward McDaid. Sean Kelly's Ramelton link is through his aunt Phil Friel the former school principal at St. Mary's in the town who resides at Auhgnagaddy with her husband James. Shaun's brother Paul is also a member of the Galway senior squad. Saturday's semi-final takes place at Croke Park with a throw-in of 5.30. The second semi-final between takes place at Croke Park on Sunday with a 3.30 start.

Killian scores impressive Muay Thai victory



20-year-old Muay Thai fighter, Killian Cable, (above left) notched up a win when he took to the ring in England last weekend. Killian lives in Warwick, England and is the son of Martin and Maria (née McFadden, Roscad, Creeslough) but spends a lot visiting his family in Creeslough, including grandparents John and Mary 'Jim Pat' McFadden. This was his second Muay Thai outing and last Saturday he scored a decisive victory over Dale Clements in a three round contest at a kickboxing event held in Telford. Killian put on an impressive, skillful, display and even forced a standing count after leaving his opponent on the canvas with a crisp, straight left hand in the second round. He trains out of the Aces Gym in Leamington Spa in the English midlands.

In Memoriam



Toner
Jamie
Cruckraw, Churchill
10th Anniversary



In loving memory of our precious son and brother who died 14th July 2012.

*Sitting here trying to put into words
 The huge loss we feel, every day
 Since you left
 10yrs, 10yrs
 Have gone by since that
 Awful day in July
 That he took you from us
 JAMIE
 You were such a happy, healthy young man
 Who was loved dearly by us
 You had your whole life ahead of you
 But the man above had a different idea for you
 We will never know why you were taken
 Our hearts are broken
 We talk about you always
 You will always be in our hearts and mind
 Your memory will live on through us
 We miss you so much words are not enough
 Wishing you were here with us
 Instead of up there with him.*

Mum & Dad.

*10 years have passed
 You left without warning
 Gone too fast
 Now all we have are memories of our past
 The memories I have throughout the years
 Will last forever with
 Laughter and tears
 I miss you so much
 You will live in my heart forever
 Love Big Sis.*

Anniversary Mass in St. Colmcille Church, Glendowan on Thursday 14th July at 7pm.

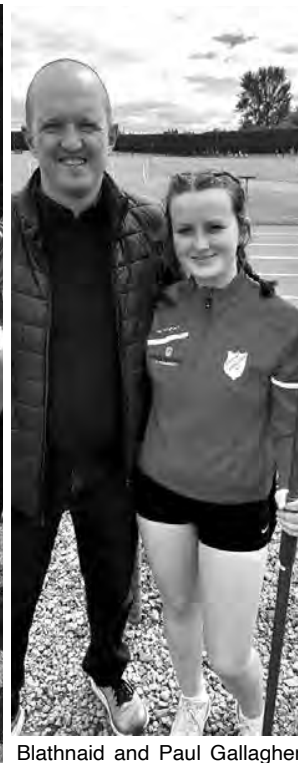
Oisín McBride, Faolan Caldwell, Jerry Coyle, Charlie Rogers with Dymphna Gallagher, Rosie Coyle and Johnny Caldwell at the National Championships in Tullamore



Cranford AC's Oisín Kelly and Caolan McFadden both National Champions in Tullamore last weekend with the president of Athletes Ireland John Cronin originally from Downings.



Cranford AC athletes parents and supporters in Tullamore last weekend.



Blaithnaid and Paul Gallagher at the Nationals.



Sheerin
Joe
Creeve,
Rathmullan
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of my dear fiancé Joe who died on 10th July 2021.

*The golden gates
 stood open
 God saw you
 needed rest
 His garden must
 be beautiful
 He only takes
 the best.*

Sadly missed by Angela and all your family and friends.

*Softly in the morning you heard a gentle call
 You took the hand
 God offered you and quietly left us all.*

Always remembered by Margaret and Anthony.

*No farewells were spoken, we did not say goodbye
 You were gone before we knew it and only God knows the reason why.*

Always remembered by Phyllis and Patrick.

1st Anniversary Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan on Saturday 9th July at 7.00pm.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council
Kilconnell, Kilmacrennan

We, David Russell & Lexie Diver, Members of the Select Vestry of St. Finian & St. Mark's Church of Ireland, Kilmacrennan are applying to Donegal County Council for permission for

the refurbishment and extension of the existing Church Hall with all associated site works in the townland of Kilconnell, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal. The site is adjacent to St. Finian & St. Mark's Church of Ireland, which is a Protected Structure (Ref: 40904501). The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the

authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council
Larganreagh and
Crocknamurleog, Downings

I, David Forbes intend to apply to Donegal county council for full planning permission to build an extension to my dwelling at Larganreagh and Crocknamurleog, Downings, Co. Donegal in the townlands of Larganreagh and Crocknamurleog. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

Donegal County Council

I, Thomas McKemey am applying to Donegal County Council for permission for change of house type from that previously approved under planning reference 20/51397 at Fanad, Co. Donegal in the townland of Leatmore. The planning application may be inspected or purchased

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Doyle

Kathleen Meenbunone, Creeslough 1st Anniversary

Cherished memories of our wonderful Mum, Nanna and Great Grandmother Kathleen who died on the 11th July 2021

There are no words to tell you Mum What losing you has meant But now each day brings memories Of happy times we spent.

You'd want us all to smile again And that's just what we do Every time we reminisce With our loving thoughts of you.

You're with us when each new day dawns And when we say goodnight Our guardian angel here on earth And Heaven's shining light.

Always loved and forever missed by your loving sons - Michael and Marjorie, Danny and Clodagh and daughter Cathy xxxxx

Of all the special gifts in life however great or small To have you as our Nanna was the greatest gift of all.

May the winds of love blow softly And whisper in your ear We love and miss you Nanna And wish that you were here.

Always loved by your grandchildren Johnny, Faye, Ciana, Ciara and Michael xxxxx

Your life was a blessing Your memory a treasure You are loved beyond words And missed beyond measure

Lots of love always from your great granddaughters Leah and Aoihbhe xx

Memory is a lovely lane where hearts are ever true A lane we often travel down because it leads to you

Kathleen's 1st Anniversary Mass is on Friday 8th July 2022 at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church, Creeslough and can be viewed on <https://www.mc-media.tv/camera/st-michaels-church>.



Carr

Fiona Ballaghderg, Letterkenny 4th Anniversary

In loving memory of Fiona who died on 12th July 2018.

Those cheerful smiles, that heart of gold

The dearest voice the world could hold A beautiful soul in a garden of rest It's true to say God chooses the best.

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by your Mum and Dad, Ronan, Donna and James, Jamie, Aoife and Ryan and all your family and friends.

Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 10th July in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty, Fanad at 11 a.m.



Cannon

Annie Drumbern, Milford 27th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother and sister Annie who died on 4th July 1995

May you always walk in sunshine and God's love around you flow For the happiness you gave us no one will ever know. We think of you always, we speak of you still You are not forgotten and you never will.

Loved always and remembered by your husband Brian and family, brother and sisters and families.

Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards



Contact

Tirconaill Tribune 074 91 53600



Cannon

Mary T. Dunmore, Carrigart 6th Anniversary

In loving memory of Mary T. who died on the 12th July 2016.

May the winds of Heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear

How much we love and miss you and wish that you were here.

Danny and the boys.

A loving Mother so gentle and kind What wonderful memories you left behind Deep are the memories precious they stay No passing of time can take them away.

Loved and remembered by Seamus and Margaret

Mum *You gave me so much love, strength and courage To face anything in this life --- except your loss*

Love always Rose

Deep are the memories precious they stay No passing of time can take them away

Daughter Marie and Grandson Oisín

Always in our thoughts and prayers St Anthony pray for all of us

Martin and Liz

We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain To walk with us throughout our lives Until we meet again

Eunan, Nancy and family.



Boyce

John Mevagh, Downings 4th Anniversary

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day Unseen, unheard but always near so loved so missed so very dear

Always remembered and sadly missed by all your family.

Anniversary Mass in St John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Thursday 14th July at 10am.



Cullen

Susan (Súin) Devlinmore, Carrigart 1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear cousin and friend, Susan who passed away on the 6th July 2021.

There are no words to tell you Susan what losing you has meant

But now each day brings memories of happy years we spent.

You'd want us all to smile again and that's just what we do

Every time we reminisce with happy thoughts of you.

Always remembered and sadly missed by Bridget and Michael.



Gallagher

James (Phil) 30th Anniversary

Treasured memories of our dear father and grandfather James Phil who died on 6th July 1992.

As we look upon your picture sweet memories we recall Of a face so full of sunshine and a smile for one and all

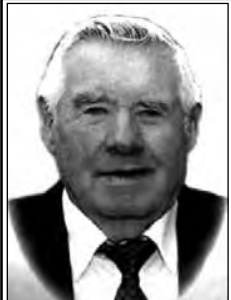
Sweet Jesus take this message to our dear Daddy and Grandpa up above

Tell him how we miss him and give him all our love.

Loving remembered by Phil, Dee and Jack, Surrey, Danny, Milford, Mairé, Niall, Jamie and Ciaran, Milford and Eleanor, Martin and Rachel, Milford.

Planning Notice

Donegal County Council Ballyness, Falcarragh I, Helen McHugh intend to apply for Permission for development at this site - Ballyness, Falcarragh, Co. Donegal. The development will consist of a dwelling house with proprietary wastewater treatment system including all associated site works. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will be submitted as part of the application. The planning application and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at



McLaughlin

Dan Gortaway, Ramelton 2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

In God's care you rest above In our hearts you rest in love Never more than a thought away Loved and remembered every day

Loved and missed by your wife Pettie, children Margaret, Sheila, Anne, Daniel, Brendan and their families.

Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday 10th July in St Mary's Church, Ramelton at 11.00am.

Birthday Remembrance



McBride

Barney Golan, Milford 80th Birthday Remembrance on 12th July

On your birthday in Heaven in His Holy embrace

What I wouldn't give to see your dear face.

In hearts and in minds your memories we treasure

But missed beyond words and loved beyond measure.

Happy Birthday in Heaven - loved and missed so much from all the family xxx

the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

Donegal County Council

We, Niall Campbell and Cathrine Burke, intend to apply for permission for development at this site: BREAC HOUSE, HORN HEAD, LUR-GABRACK, DUNFANAGHY, CO. DONEGAL, F92 YC56, IRELAND. The development will

Acknowledgement

Sheridan

Main Street, Rathmullan



Pat Sheridan and family wish to thank most sincerely everyone who sympathised with us on the recent passing of Barbara (Lally). Thank you for the Mass cards, sympathy cards, phone calls, texts, emails, kind words on RIP.ie, food, flowers, and donations to the Donegal Hospice.

Thank you to everyone who helped care for Barbara in her last months and who made it possible for her to be at home with her family during her illness. Particular thanks to all the Healthcare Workers, the Doctors, Nurses, and Staff of Rathford Medical Centre, Rathmullan Pharmacy staff, the Primary Care staff, the Palliative Care Specialist Team, together with the home helps who helped Barbara remain at home during her illness. We would like to acknowledge and thank Dr. Memon, Medical Consultant, Mr. Bodmor, Surgical Consultant and their teams at Letterkenny University Hospital and Anita, Ward Manager and all the staff in Surgical 2 for their great care and kindness to Barbara.

A special thanks to Patrick Sweeney Funeral Director and his staff, together with the grave diggers for their professionalism with the funeral arrangements.

Thank you to Fr. Martin Collum for his many visits to Barbara during her illness, for rosaries and prayers at the house, and for the lovely funeral Mass. Thank you to the Rathmullan Choir and members of the Milford Choir under the direction of Ms. Margaret McAteer, Choir Mistress for the beautiful music.

Barbara (Lally)'s Month Mind Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan on Friday 8th July at 6pm.

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Donegal County Council

I, Patrick McGeady am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the construction of a Domestic Garage and all associated site works at Cashelnagor, Gortahok, Co. Donegal in the townland of Cashelnagor. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council

Castledooy, Manorcunningham, Letterkenny I, Glenn McConnell am applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission to retain an agricultural shed as built with all associated site development works at Castledooy, Manorcunningham, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Castledooy. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council

Carnagore, Carrigart I, Caitriona Coyle am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain existing porch & permission to erect an extension to my existing dwelling house with all associated site development works at Carnagore, Carrigart, County Donegal in the townland of Carnagore. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public

Dunfanaghy News

Gartan Open Water Swimmers

The popular Crab Crawl swim series is back on Wednesday evenings, with registration from 6:30pm at the slipway. Swim starts at 7pm. Entry fee €15. It's a predict your time 1K swim with prizes for the three closest times plus the fastest. Everyone swims entirely at their own risk; waivers must be signed and a tow float is compulsory. The main charity this year is the RNLI lifeboats and the Sheephaven Subaqua search and rescue unit. Last year's series raised over two thousand euro and we were able to buy and install a defibrillator in Rockhill (Johnson's) caravan park along the Shore Road as well as making donations to the Subaqua, lifeboats and the NW Hospice.

Workhouse Summer Craft Fair

Join us at the Workhouse for a Summer Craft Fair on Wednesday July 20th from 11am to 4pm. The Craft Fair will be taking place in the car park. There will also be music, food, kids activities, free tours of our exhibition and a historic walking tour to Wee Hannah's Grave starting at 2pm at the Workhouse. If you're interested in booking a spot in our craft fair, you can contact us at 0749136540 or email dunfanaghyworkhousetours@gmail.com. Spaces are limited so contact us soon. Spots cost €20 and T&Cs apply.

DPM

DPM the local Community Employment Scheme are currently recruiting workers. Previous workers are welcome to re apply as new eligibility criteria has been introduced. For more information or to apply please telephone 0879825174.

Fun Day Auction and Craft Fair

Holy Trinity Fun Day Auction and Craft Fair will be held on the grounds of The Parish Hall, and surrounding areas on Bank Holiday Monday 1st August beginning at 12 noon. More details later. To book a stall please contact 0860133201.

Rural Social Scheme

Rural Social Scheme are looking for persons from farming / fishing families in the Dunfanaghy / Creeslough areas: Current positions available are: Health and Wellness Facilitator, Care Assistant, Environmental/Caretaker Position.

Certain criteria applies and only those that are on qualifying details are available at: <http://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/Rural-Social-Scheme>.

For info contact Mary McMenemy on 086 8095344.

Summer Times

The Gift Shop at Ards Friary is open Monday to Saturday 12 - 5pm & Sunday 12 - 6:45 pm. The Coffee Dock will be open Monday to Saturday 12 - 6 pm and Sunday 12 - 7 pm.

Country Markets

The Country Market will be in the Market

Square, Dunfanaghy from 10 to 1 every Saturday. With a wide selection of home baking, chocolates, jams, chutneys, veg, salad, hand crafts, knitting, crochet, candles and cards.

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Derek Arnold and Fred Moore



Bianca and Emily Wright sampling the delicious Elderflower cordial from the Country Markets



Grace Alcorn, Avril Montgomery, Vanessa Sharkey and Denise Ferry enjoying a cuppa and the craic!



Sinead and Keith McLean Holy Trinity Parish Church Dunfanaghy held a Fundraiser in the Garden of Patrick and Christine Knowles at Kill in aid of the Ukraine Crisis Fund and so far the event has raised €1500.



Seamus and Eileen Greer



Maggie and her Oxygen hairdressing team enjoying a well earned break



Rosie, Ann-Marie, Diana and Gertie enjoying a cuppa and a chat.

Dunfanaghy

The late Grace Mary Sweeney

The area was shocked and saddened recently by the death of Grace Mary Sweeney Knocknafaugh and Waterfoot, Co. Antrim who tragically died in a drowning accident while on a family holiday in Spain. Grace was predeceased by her father, John and was a pupil in Faugher National School.

Speaking at her Funeral Mass in St. Michael's Church in Creeslough on Thursday, Fr. John Joe Duffy said that "the last place anyone would want to be is at the funeral Mass of a child".

He went on to say that "Grace is 'already in heaven' with her predeceased father John."

"The rain this morning outside very much reflects the mood we're feeling and have been for these last number of days. We are

grieving as outsiders with a family who are in great grief, we very much wish, Geraldine, we could reach into your heart, take away that grief and pain that you and all of your family are feeling.

But what we cannot do for grief is the price you pay for great love. Grace was greatly loved, greatly cherished and so very precious. The only consolation you can take this morning is that little Grace is in the arms of her dad.

'She will remain with you; be beside you and she will give you strength. I encourage each one of you this morning to pray to Grace because Grace is already amongst the Saints and the angels of heaven,' he said.

Fr Duffy called Grace a 'very special girl' who loved to sing and dance as he emphasised the close relationship between her and older sister Cara, who 'she looked up to'.

'Her feet didn't touch the ground. There was that specialness about her that she seemed to walk or dance in some way through the air. She was very clever; she was always telling stories... she always had a story and embellished that story very well.

She brought so much joy, so much happiness and so much love into our lives. Full of loves and cuddles, so kind hearted and always put others before herself. Herself and Cara were a great team of sisters. Grace loved being a girly girl, who loved nail polish and pretty colourful clothes.

'That is why the family are wearing bright colours this morning. She had so much fun with her friends. She was just busy busy and on the go with her friends.'

The deepest sympathy of the community is extended to her mother Geraldine and partner Damien, sister Cara and brother Patrick.

Grandparents Pam, Geraldine and Tony. Godparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and to the entire family circle at this time.

Little Grace's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Michael's Church on Thursday last at 12 noon. Con-celebrating with Fr John Joe Duffy were Fr Martin Doochan, Fr Seamus Murphy and Fr Arkinson, The Cross, Killygordon. Grace was laid to rest in Doe cemetery. Gurards of Honour were formed at the Funeral by the staff and former schoolmates from Faugher NS and by members of St. Michael's GAA Club where Grace was a member of the Under 7 Team.

North West Vintage Club Show

The North West Vintage Club will hold their annual Vintage Show at Kill this Saturday and Sunday the 9th and 10th June. On display will be classic and vintage cars, tractors, other vehicles, agricultural implements, craft and artisan displays. There will also be a fun fair, tea tent and traders stall. There will also be music from Alex Black and Sinead, Hugh McLean and John James. The Vintage Show will run on Saturday from 11am until 6pm and on Sunday from 11am until 5pm. Traders must contact Eunan Kelly on 0872366924.

Family Resource Centre

Summer Quiz Nights: The fundraising quiz nights are on Tuesday evenings

50th Anniversary of Ordination

Wednesday last the 29th June St. Peter's Day was a special day in the life of a former Rector of the Dunfanaghy Group of Parishes Rev Mathew Scott Harte who celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination.

Rev. Scott Harte was joined at the midweek Holy Communion Service in St. Philips and St.

James Church Hollywood Co. Down by Raymond Fox, Ronnie Lawrenson who were also celebrating their 50th Anniversary, John Scott another who was celebrating his 50th Anniversary was unable to attend because of a family wedding.

The Communion Service included a special anniversary

celebration for those ordained to the presbyteral ministry 50 years ago. Archdeacon Scott Harte was Rector of Dunfanaghy Union from 1998 until his retirement in 2013. Prior to this he served as a Curate in Bangor Abbey and Ballynefeigh before coming to Donegal as Rector of Ardara in 1976.



Pictured are Raymond Fox, Ronnie Lawrenson and Scott Harte with Jim Sims and Gareth Harron.

New single from Chelsea

Young Dunfanaghy Country Music singer Chelsea Evans from Hornhead released her latest single 'Past the Point of Rescue' on Tuesday. Written by Mick Hanly it was originally recorded on her album No Frontiers by Mary Black who had a hit with it here in Ireland in 1988.

Chelsea has recorded a number of singles over the past few years and has been tipped by industry insiders as the next big thing in Irish Country Music. She released her first single at the age of 12 and has been working performing on the live music circuit and airwaves since. Chelsea is now currently recording her debut album and is working with some of the industry's top musicians.

The album which is set for release later this year also includes an original written by Chelsea herself.

At 18 years of age, Chelsea brings a young and vibrant energy to her music which can be heard on her album and seen live. Her newest single "Past the Point of Rescue" is now available to request on radio and she has a brand new music video coming soon.

To find out more about Chelsea, check her Facebook Page: Chelsea Evans Music.



Scenes from the recent Bringing it Home Summer Festival in Dunfanaghy.



at Arnolds Hotel throughout July and August and everyone are encouraging the local community and visitors to support them.

Summer Camps and Workshops: 13th and 14th July - Donegal Youth Service ASPIRE Summer club for all 11 - 14 year olds. Clay workshop for 7 - 10 year olds 21st July 10.30 - 1.30: 10 places available Cost: €5. Clay workshop 11 - 14 year olds 22nd July 10.30 - 1.30: 10 places available Cost: €5. Family sand sculpture workshop 29th July 10.30 - 1.30: 15 places available Cost: €5. Mosaic workshop: 4th & 5th August for children aged 7-10. 10 places available Cost: €5. Mosaic workshop: 18th & 19th August for children age 11- 14. 10 spaces available Cost: €5. Advanced registration and payment required for all camps and activities. Please call in to the Centre to fill in the registration forms

Derryveagh Carers July Meetup

The July meet up will take place at Arnolds Hotel on Friday 8th July from 11am - 1pm and will be joined by Martina Cawley from Family Carers Ireland. The Playstation Outdoors will continue meet up at The Workhouse playground

for parents and young children on Monday from 10.30am - 12 .

Wee Baby group with Breastfeeding support meets on Tuesday 10am - 12noon at the Centre

Creeslough Parent & Toddler group takes place on Fridays 10 - 12 throughout July at the Creeslough Day Centre.

Community book and toy library will be open on Thursdays between 2 and 4 for those who would like to pop in and meet up with others to have a cuppa. Please ring in 9536548 in advance if access to the library is available.

Garden Fete

A Garden Fete is being held at Ballymore Rectory Grounds on Saturday July 9th at 3p.m. Your support will be appreciated.

Secular Franciscan Order

The Secular Franciscan Order Mass is on Wednesday the 13th July at 7.30pm, Rosary at 7.10pm in Ards Friary, all are welcome.

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Dunfanaghy Heritage Walking Trail

Experience the Dunfanaghy Heritage Walking Trail with a spoken guide every Wednesday this July and August at 2pm. Starting at The Workhouse, these tours will take you through the village of Dunfanaghy where you will learn about its unique history and landscape. Tours are free and booking is essential as limited spaces are available per tour. The Tour will roughly last 1 hour and 15mins. To book, call The Workhouse at 9136540, and bring your good walking shoes! Tour Dates: July 14th, 20th and 27th, August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st."

Somer Saulist

The Workhouse is delighted to host Sorcha O'Malley founder of Somer Saulist this July and August for kids and adults art, poetry, movement, creativity and fun classes! Kids classes age 7 - 12 will take place every Tuesday at 10.30am - 12pm, Teens classes age 13 - 16 will take place every Tuesday at 12.30pm - 2pm and Adults 60+ classes will take place every Thursday at 10am - 11am. For information on how to book, contact Sorcha at 0896115348 or email at sorchaomalley@hotmail.com

Creeslough Sympathy

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Doe Graveyard Mass

Doe Graveyard ceremony of blessing will take place on Sunday 31st July at 11am. Please note the change of time.

Creeslough Day Centre

Creeslough Day Centre are looking for volunteers to help with the delivery of 'Meals on Wheels' in the Creeslough and Portnablagh areas. Please contact Seamus or Jade on 9138452 for more details.

Memorial Walk

The Patrick Mc Intyre Memorial Walk is back again this year after an absence of two years due to Covid. It will take place on Saturday August 20th from Muckish Sand and Gravel and go along the Railway Walk. More details later - save the date.



The Crafters held a workshop on making Nesting Boxes with their tutors Seamus and Eva in the Creeslough Day Centre.



Some members of the Crafters presenting Frank Kelly with a thank you gift on his recent retirement from the Day Centre.



3 bears Pictured at the Monday Morning Playstation in The Workhouse in Dunfanaghy on Monday

Country Markets

The Dunfanaghy Country Market will be in the Market Square from 10 to 1 every Saturday with a wide selection of home baking, chocolates, jams, chut-

neys, veg, salad, hand crafts, knitting, crochet, candles and cards. Treat yourself or your friends to some beautiful fresh local produce and crafts.

Crafters

The Crafters of Creeslough meet every Monday from 11a.m.-1pm. You are welcome to come along and learn or revive an interest in knitting/crochet etc.- and have a cup of tea.

Summer Reconnection trip to Arranmore

Many thanks to DLDC for subsidising the Dunfanaghy FRC "Summer Reconnection trip to Arranmore" which took place on Monday the 27th June.

The trip, which consisted of a group of 26 individuals, made up from the various groups who are regularly supported by Dunfanaghy FRC, left Dunfanaghy and headed to Burtonport, to catch the Arranmore ferry, guided on their way by an adopted Rosses man- Fintan Coll.

The trip, which brought many of the Dunfanaghy group across to the Island for the very first time,

included a tour of the island as well as a stop at the lighthouse, at the Beaver Island monument and then on to Earlies bar, where the group experienced a taste of some of the very best of food and hospitality the Island is renowned for.

The group along with Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre, would like to express their thanks to DLDC, to Boyle's Busses from Creeslough, to Arranmore Ferry, to Pat and her staff at Earlies Bar for the great food and to Gerry Early for the music and sing song that just topped the day.



Gerry Early entertaining the group in Early's Bar, Arranmore during their recent trip.



Ladies at the wheel steering the ferry to Arranmore.



Pictured are the group who travelled on the "Summer Reconnection trip to Arranmore"

GAA Club News

Gleann tSúilí

SENIOR MEN

The Brian McCormick Sports Division 1 for the senior men continued last weekend at home with both teams playing St. Michaels. Glenswilly losing the game by a point.

UNDERAGE GAMES

U9s

Our U9s played Letterkenny Gaels last Wednesday 30th June. Well done to all the boys involved and thanks to the coaches.

U12 GIRLS

The u12 girls played St Michaels on Friday 1st July, in St Michaels.

U15 and U17 Boys

The u15 and u17 boys and their managers and backroom teams travelled to Merville to Inish Adventures on Saturday to develop team bonding.

Fixtures

Saturday 9th July U13 Div 3 Boys

Glenswilly v Buncrana 10am

Brian Mc Cormick Sports Division 1 and 1B league

Ard an Ratha v Glenswilly 5.30pm and 7pm

Sunday 10th July U15 Boys

Glenswilly v Malin 7pm

Monday 11th July U13 Div 1

MacCumhailís v Glenswilly

Bingo

Bingo continues every Wednesday at 9pm. Thanks to everyone who has attended our bingo since we have started back.

Letterkenny Gaels

The senior footballers welcomed St. Nauls to Páirc na nGael last Sunday. This was a must win game and the boys put in an impressive performance to claim a three point victory. This Sunday we welcome MacCumhailís to Páirc na nGael for the final home league game of the season.

Neighbours, St. Eunan's were the opposition for our hurling team in the Junior Championship which was played at Páirc na nGael last Friday. The O'Donnell Park men took the win.

Underage hurling training continues every Thursday evening from 6.30-7.30pm. New members are always welcome. The U-13 boys defeated Glenfin on Monday night in the Northern Board Division two league. The rearranged Fun Day takes place this Saturday 9th July at Páirc na nGael. We have loads of novelty events planned and look forward to seeing everyone there.

Our minor girls got their division two season up and running last week with a home game against Killybegs. Despite a great performance from the Gaels girls the visitors proved too strong and claimed victory.

In association with Letterkenny Rugby Club, we are running a draw for a Camper Van worth €80,000. Tickets can be purchased from Club members or by going to www.winacamper.ie

Bingo continues every Monday at the Arena 7 and online. €2,260 up for grabs every week.

Sympathy is expressed to Seamus and Catriona Patton, their family and the extended Patton family and friends on the passing of Seamus's mother Maura Patton, Stranorlar.

CLG Naomh Ádhamhnáin

The Senior A & Senior B team played against Naomh Conaill at the weekend in Glenties. The Senior A score line was 1-11 to 1-08, this was their last game, well done on a good league campaign. The Senior B had a great win, final score was 2-08 to 2-10, well done lads.

The Senior Hurlers played Setanta at the weekend in O'Donnell Park, score was 1-12 to 3-15, hard luck. The goal came from Daire, he had a total tally of 1-05, Brian Mac and Sean with 2 points each.

The Junior hurlers had an impressive win over LK Gaels, score was 4-21 to 0-10. Well done.

The Minor Ladies beat Ballyshannon at the weekend, score line was 5-11 to 5-06, maith sibh. The Hurling Academy will be on every Friday from 6.30 to 7.30.

The Century Complex Sunday Morning Academy is on each Sunday morning from 10-11. Everyone is welcome and you can register online. Thanks to everyone who helps and gives their time each week.

Club fixtures are available on social media.

St. Michael's

All County League

St Michaels retained their Division 1 status after a good performance against Glenswilly on Sunday. With Glenswilly on 6 points and Michael's on 8 points we knew that a win would be enough. With our recent run of injuries namely Jamie Hunter, Micheal Rock Gallagher, Patrick (Pood)

McGinley and Edward O'Riley and with Micheal McGinley and Micheal Langan unavailable, our cause was further restricted when Brian Creed was ruled out just before throw in.

St Michaels started well and by the 60th minute had led by 8 points but as expected Glenswilly were not going to make it easy and hit 1-4 in the remaining ten minutes but in the end we ran out deserving winners on the slender of margins.

Congratulations to Cathal and Raymond and all the backroom team for their huge effort. Now we look forward to welcoming McCumhailís to the Bridge in mid-August for the start of the Senior championship.

Scorers: Andrew Kelly 0-5f; Colin McFadden 1-0; Martin McElhinney 0-3; Carlos O'Reilly 0-2; Liam Paul Ferry 0-1. Team was: Oisín Cannon; Stephen Doak, Liam Paul Ferry, Antoin McFadden; Hugh O'Donnell, Kyle McGarvey, Ruairi Friel; Martin Breslin, John McFadden; Colin McFadden, Oisín Langan, Carlos O'Reilly; Andrew Kelly, Martin McElhinney, Odhrán McFadden. Sub: Michael Cannon for J.McFadden (50).

Both teams are at home to Naomh Conaill this Saturday evening. The Reserves Match time is to be confirmed whilst the Seniors throw in at 7pm.

The late Grace Sweeney

The Club were shocked and saddened at the recent death of Grace Sweeney. Her presence at our Sunday Morning Academy will be deeply missed. We would like to pass on our deepest condolences to her mother Geraldine, sister Cara and brother Patrick, Geraldine's partner Damien, her grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family and friends.

The club provided a Guard of Honour at Grace's funeral in St. Michael's Church on Thursday.

Sports First Aid and Basic Life Support Course

The health and wellbeing committee have organised training in Sports First Aid and Basic life support such as use of AED and CPR. We aim to run it on an evening during the week, and will last 4-5 hours. Tea will be provided. This is a certified course from the Irish heart foundation and the club have offered to cover the cost of this training, however numbers are limited.

If you are interested in undertaking the course, can you please forward your name to 0864045442.

Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 2,10,11,12,14,19. There was no Match 5 Winners. 13 people matched 4 and their names were drawn. The winner of the €100 was Martina Carr Creeslough. This week's Jackpot will be €7200.

Bingo

The €200 on the House on Game 9 at the Bingo on Sunday was won by Rose Ann Rodgers, the winner of the €50 on the line was Gracie Gallagher, the €100 House on Game 5 was won by Mary Shovlin.

This Week's Fixtures

Thursday 7th

U14 Girls Nh Colmcille v St. Michaels @ 6.30pm

Saturday 9th

Reserves St. Michaels v Naomh Conaill.

Seniors St. Michaels v Naomh Conaill @ 7pm

Sunday 10th U9 Boys

Gweedore v St. Michaels @ 10.00

U15 Boys St. Michaels v Bundoran @ 6.30

Tir Chonaill Gaels

Results:

The Ladies met Parnells in the Mary Feehan Cup Final on Saturday but were narrowly defeated by 4-10 to 3-09.

Our Senior's received a walkover from St Joes on Saturday.

The Reserves beat St Kiernans in the League on Sunday by 1-11 to 0-10.

Congratulations to our under 13 boys who won the Division 2 Shield in Ruislip on Saturday. They beat St Joes in the semi-final and went on to defeat Gael London Round Towers in the final!

Fixtures:

Sunday 10th July, Senior League - TCG v Fulham Irish - Ruislip - 12pm

Lotto:

The launch of our monthly lotto draw took place in the clubhouse. Results are: Jackpot numbers: 13, 2, 21 and 31. No winners, so the jackpot rises to €1600. Lucky dip winners were as follows: €200 Joel McInern; €100 Jason Dooley; €50 Brian O'Loughlin. Next draw will be 5th August.

Fundraiser

Our family fun day fundraiser took place on Saturday at the clubhouse and was a great event.

Gaeil Fhánada

Lotto Results 03/07/2022

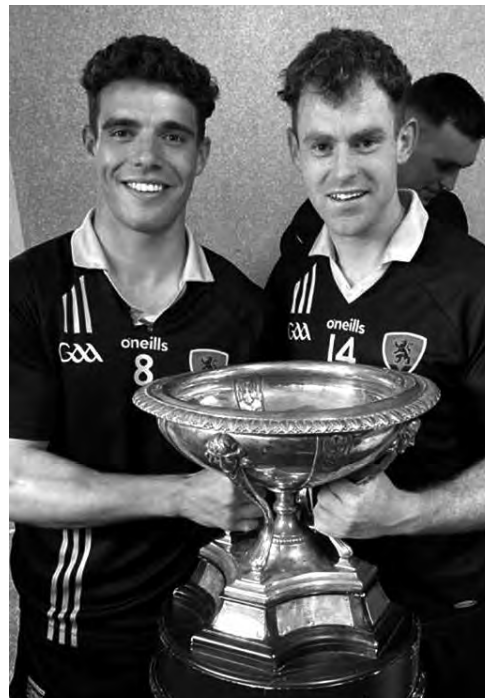
Numbers: 1, 3, 7, 13, 23. No jackpot winner. €100

Winner: Rose A Nic Suibhne This week's Jackpot: €1350.

Cash Draw winners

We held cash draws on Sunday morning for two prizes of €400. There were 77 names in the drum and the two lucky winners were: Eilis Coyle; Jerry 'Diver' Friel Up next is our final cash draw for two prizes of €500 in September.

Comhghairdeas - Jimmy Coyle



Jimmy Coyle pictured with teammate, Odhrán McFadden Ferry after their 28th Infantry Battalion defeated Cathal Bruagh and McKee Barracks to win the All Ireland title.

Well done to Jimmy Coyle, who picked up his second All Ireland title of the month last Wednesday. He and his 28th Infantry Battalion side defeated Cathal Bruagh and Mc Kee Barracks from Dublin at the Curragh.

Cluichí na Seachtaine

Dé Sathairn, 9ú Iúil

Sraith an Chontae - Roinn 2 (Reserve)

Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Columba @ 5:30

Sraith an Chontae - Roinn 2 (Sinsear)

Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Columba @ 7:00

Dé Domhnaigh, 10ú Iúil

Peil na mBan - Cluiche Leathcheannais Sraithe

Dé Luain, 11ú Iúil

Buachaillí - Faoi 13 Tearmann v Gaeil Fhánada

Sraith na Seachtaine

Gaeil Fhánada 4:09 Naomh Náil 2:07

The senior ladies were on the road early on Sunday morning to travel to Mountcharles to play St. Naul's in the Division 2 league competition. Fannad have now completed all their initial league games and currently sit in second position in the league table. As a result of this, they are now through to the Division 2 League semi final, to be played next Sunday.

Rosheen McGinley, Caitlin Heraghty, Tori Gallagher, Maggie Friel, Niamh McDevitt, Aisling Howe, Aoife Gibbons (0-1), Eimear Sweeney, Hannah Shiels, Mairead Coll (3-2), Siobhan Sweeney (0-1), Miriam Carr (0-1), Caoimhe Walsh (1-2). Clare Friel (0-2) for Miriam Carr, Eiméar Gibbons for Hannah Shiels, Méabh Duffy for Aisling Howe, Meabh McAteer for Aoife Gibbons. Eibhlín Shiels, Emma Friel, Eimear McCongley, Samantha Gallagher.

Naíonra Ghaeil Fhánada - U5's

Our U5's were back in action on Saturday morning at Páirc Uí Shíadhail. Training will continue for the next three Saturday mornings from 11am to midday.

U14's beat Red Hughs

Our U14 girls travelled to Killygordon on Saturday and came away with a fine win against a strong Red Hugh's side. Sinead Duffy, Sarah Peoples, Erin Logue, Eva Martin, Eabha Doherty, Orla McGrenaghan, Erin Carlin, Grace Begley (0:01), Méabh Sweeney (0:01), Kaylagh Sweeney (2:03), Amy McAteer (1:01), Cara Gibbons, Aoibheann Callaghan (2:05), Aisling Duffy (2:00) and Clodagh McAteer (1:00).

Next match is away to St Michaels on Saturday 16th July at 1pm.

U13's continue winning streak

The u13 boys made the trip to Killygordon on a wet Monday to take on Red Hughs in Round 4 of the league. The Gaels came away with the win but the boys from Killygordon didn't make it easy. Iosaf McAteer, Ronan Wilson, Conor Callaghan, Ronan Gibbons, Oisín Lynch, Darragh Boyce, Evan McDaid, Jack Dunleavy, Rian Jackson, Christian Gibbons, Michael Peoples, Cormac Doherty, Dan Martin, Colin McBride, Eoghan McLaughlin.

U12 Girls

The u12 Girls were back in action on Wednesday, taking on neighbours Baile na nGallógach at Páirc Uí Shíadhail in the u12 league competition.

U10 Girls

The u10 Girls were on home soil, playing a blitz at Páirc Uí Shíadhail on Wednesday evening against their counterparts from Milford and Downings.

Cúl Camp Bookings

Bookings for the Gaeil Fhánada Cúl Camp are currently open. The Cúl Camp will take place from the 25th - 29th July. The camp is capped at 100 places, and with less than 15 places remaining. Visit Booking - GAA Cúl Camps Summer 2022 to book or for further information.

Ladies Board Table Quiz

Date for your Diary: Gaeil Fhánada Ladies committee will host a Table Quiz on Friday July 15th, in the Stores Bar. Teams of four €20.

CLG An Tearmainn

Numbers drawn in Friday's lotto were 8, 23, 24 and 25. There was no winner of the Jackpot of €3,050. Match 3 - no winners. Open draw winners of €10 each were Sheamas Greene, Meenlaragh (bingo); PJ Kelly (Mandy's) and Sean McGarvey (Kevin's). Next week's Jackpot will be €3,100.

The weekly bingo continues each Friday night online, drive in and indoors at the Craoibhin, Termon.

The senior and reserve men hosted Glenfin at the Burn Road on Saturday, the men wore black armbands in memory of the late Anthony McGrenra. The senior men got off to a good start, but after half time started to slow up a bit, all in all a good game with the men coming away with a draw. The reserve men again started well, but as the game went on the visitors took advantage of every opportunity to score. This game ended with the visitors, Glenfin taking the points in this encounter. Next up for both teams is an away encounter with Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon next Saturday.

The U15 boys were invited to Castlederg on Saturday to take part in the Christopher McGettigan Memorial Tournament. Hosted by St. Eugene's club in Castlederg and the McGettigan family, who have strong ties with Kilmacrennan/Termon. The boys and management enjoyed a great day of football and hospitality.

Full fixtures will resume again this coming week and will be available on the club's social media pages.

CLG na nDúnaibh

An Lotto - torthaí (04/07/2022). Uimhreacha: 7,10,24,26. Pota ór - gan buaiteoir. Trí uimhir - Bríd Nic Giolla Bhríde, Bríd Ní Dhomhnaill agus John Doak - €50 an duine. Beidh tarraingt an tseachtain seo chugainn, oíche Luain, 11ú Iúil agus tá €3900 sa phota óir. Imir ar-líne ag bit.ly/NDLotto

Peil

D'imir an foireann faoi 13 in aghaidh Roibeard Emmet oíche Dé Luan. D'imir na buachaillí go hiontach maith agus bhí bua furast go leor acu. Beidh traenáil ar siúil oíche Cheadaoine ag 5:45 i.n. agus tá fáilte roimh imreoirí úra i gcónaí.

Bhí an bua ag foireann na gcaillíní - faoi 14 in eadán Na gCeithre Maistir - a gcéad bua i Roinn 1. Maith sibh!

Bhain foireann na gcaillíní - faoi 17 a gcéad cluiche oíche Deardaoine seo caite in eadán na gCeithre Maistir.

Bhí tráthnóna mór peil oíche Cheadaoine seo caite i nGael Fhánada do chailíní faoi 10. D'imir na cailíní trí chluiche in eadán Gael Fhánada agus Baile na nGallógach. Beidh na cailíní faoi 10 ag imirt i bPáirc an Chrocaigh ar an 15ú Lúnasa sa blitz náisiúnta. Lá mór don chumann agus do na cailíní seo, an chéad fhoireann ón chumann a d'imir i bPáirc an Chrocaigh.

Ní raibh aon cluichí sinis ag an deireadh seachtaine. Imreoidh an fhoireann sinis Bun an Phoibaill sa bhaile tráthnóna Dé Sathairn ag 6:00 i.n. Níl cluiche ar bith don fhoireann tacaíochta.

Socráithe don tseachtain seo chugainn. Deardaoine 07/07 - Traenáil fir sinis - 19:00 i.n.; Cailíní faoi 14 - Na Dúnaibh in eadán Bun Cranach - 19:15 i.n.

Dé Sathairn 09/07 - Traenáil buachaillí faoi 13; Cluiche - Fir sinis, Na Dúnaibh in eadán Bun an Phobail.

Dé Domhnaigh 10/07 - Peil na mBan; Gael Fhánada in eadán Na Dúnaibh - 10:30 i.n.

Bingo - Beidh an bingo ar siúl ar-líne agus san Ionad oíche Shathairn, 9ú Iúil ag 8:30 i.n. Is féidir leabhar a chéannacht ar-líne ag nadunaibh.ie/ bingo roimh 1:00 i.n. ar an tSathairn nó i Siopa Centra, Carraig Airt, Siopa Micí Joe, i Siopa na nDúnaibh nó Joe Fhearagail, arís suas go dtí 1:00 i.n. ar an Sathairn.

The jerseys from LIDL have arrived. Thanks to everyone who supported this campaign earlier in the year.

There will be a First Aid course held in the clubhouse in the coming weeks. If anyone is interested in attending please contact any committee member or the club secretary on 085 8507774.

Horgan hoping for Shels treble

Finn Harps have won just two league games this season, both against Shelbourne who will be their opponents at Tolka Park on Friday night (kick-off 7.45). The odds on Harps making that a treble should be generous despite that record. They certainly won't be raging hot favourites against a side that is 13 points ahead of them in the table. There are 15 games remaining and realistically it looks very much like Ollie Horgan will at best be preparing for a relegation play-off.

The top priority is to stay ahead of bottom side UCD who are three points adrift. The second priority is to try and catch Drogheda Utd to avoid the play-offs all together. That's a big ask as Drogheda is currently 10 points ahead of the Donegal side. On Friday 18th March Harps first win of the season came at Tolka Park. It ended 3-0 with Ethan Boyle breaking the deadlock just before half-time. Conor Tourish doubled the advantage just past the hour mark and Eric McWoods rounded off the scoring going into injury time.

The win came with six games of the season gone. Horgan's outfit had been struggling to finish off promising attacks in previous games but things clicked

into place once Boyle got the opener just before the interval. Tourish's debut competitive goal just past the hour mark pretty much ended it for Shels whose performance certainly didn't impress manager Damien Duff or his assistant Joey O'Brien. Sub McWoods also got his first competitive goal to put a gloss on the final scoreline in the 90th minute. The result moved the Donegal side of the bottom of the table above UCD who that same night had a creditable draw at home to Bohemians with ex-Harps man Sam Todd getting the equaliser.

The second victory over Shels came on Friday 29th April at Finn Park thanks to a super 88th minute finish from Barry McNamee. That was a relief for Horgan to see Harps manage a first home win of the season. The hosts had waited over two months for that result and it was a very welcome three points into the bargain. Harps had edged the second half with two goals disallowed but there was always a fear that the visitors could still make it another miserable night at Finn Park.

Shels manager Damien Duff was in the Stand serving a one-match suspension while he didn't have the services of ex-Harps front man Sean Boyd who was

also out due to a ban. Horgan was without Ethan Boyle who was suspended having picked up five yellow cards while Eric McWoods was hit with an extra two-match ban following his dismissal in the Bohemians game in Dublin. Add to that was the news that Dave Webster wouldn't play again this season. Ryan Connolly was also on the casualty list while Bastien Hery was absent due to the death of his mother. And there were further problems on the injury front on that Friday night with Conor Tourish replacing Jose Carrillo at the interval while Elie N'Zeyi Kibonge was stretchered off following an 80th minute collision with another former Harps player Mark Coyle. Kibonge only returned to action a fortnight ago.

For Friday night's match at Tolka. Ethan Boyle will be back in the starting 11 after missing the Shamrock Rovers match due to suspension but it looks like Eric Woods will not feature due to what appeared to be a hamstring injury sustained last Friday night. Ryan Rainey wasn't in the match day squad for the Rovers match so it will be interesting to see whether he returns for the Shels match. Damien Duff signed Mark Coyle, Sean Boyd and Dan Hawkins from Harps



Finn Harps, Elie-Gael N'zeyi Kibonge, defends against the attack of Shamrock Rovers Rory Gaffney. Photo by Anne McMEnamin.

in the close season. Coyle has not played recently due to injury while Hawkins has played very little since his move from Finn Park.

Gaffney goal sinks Harps

Finn Harps 0-1 Shamrock Rovers

Despite an improved second half performance Finn Harps didn't have anything to show for their endeavours as Shamrock Rovers left Ballybofey on Friday night with the win thanks to a Rory Gaffney strike just before half-time. Harps rarely looked like getting an equaliser as the visitors generally defended well to clear the set-pieces and throw-ins. Ollie Horgan's side had kept it very tight in the first half making it very difficult for Rovers to create clear chances. Despite missing the injured Jack Byrne and Graham Burke along with Danny Mandirou who is Lincoln City bound the reigning champions dominated the possession stakes at Finn Park for most of the Premier Division tie.

Stephen Bradley's side were back in action on Tuesday night in the Champions League Qualifying First Round against Maltese side Hibernians at the Tallaght Stadium and recorded a 3-0 win. Horgan made three changes from the Pat's game. Ethan Boyle was absent through suspension while Ryan Rainey wasn't in the match day squad

and Dylan Duncan dropped to the bench. In came Jose Carrillo, Bastien Hery and Ryan Connolly. The home team had just the one chance in the first half when skipper Barry McNamee's long range effort forced Alan Mannus into a save. It was a wayward pass from Carrillo that led to the game's only goal. Gaffney took advantage to fire a really well placed shot low into the corner of Gavin Mulreany's net from nearly 30 yards out. In the second half Mulreany twice had to be alert coming quickly off his line to deny Aaron Greene. At the other end Conor Tourish was deployed to the long throw-in duties but Mannus wasn't tested. Gary O'Neill did well to block Barry McNamee's shot which certainly would have exercised the Hoops keeper. Sub Richie Towell should have hit the target after coming on but with his first touch he sliced a volley wide at the river end of the ground. With Harps stretched at the back Rovers sub Barry Cotter made a great surging run from his own half that forced the concession of a corner and another replacement



Finn Harps, Filip Mihaljevic tries to prevent Shamrock Rovers, Roberto Lopes from getting the ball. Photograph: Anne McMEnamin.

U16 League

Lagan girls win U16 League



It is celebration time for the Lagan U16 girls who took the league title this week after the win over Gweedore Utd. In a very tight U16 league, Lagan remained undefeated however going into the final game Drumbar Utd were right in the mix if there was any slip up. In a comfortable first half Lagan went 3-0 up with goals from Sorcha Keys, Ashling Mughan and Holly McCarron. However Gweedore Utd came back into the game scoring twice through Mary Ann Ward, leaving it a very anxious last 15 minutes for Lagan.

Senior Ladies League

Easy win for Lagan

Raphoe Town 0-6 Lagan Harps

Lagan Harps proved too strong for a depleted Raphoe Town ladies team running out easy winners at Drumineney. However, the result mattered little after the game was stopped following an injury to a Lagan player that saw her taken away by ambulance.

It was a stop-start game with Raphoe also picking up injuries that saw them forced to use sub goalkeeper Tianna Hannigan in an outfield role for much of the second half. Lagan played some lovely football on the night with goals from Tammy Kerr, Claire Orr, Zoe Green and a cracking goal from Nadine Crawford helping them to all three points with some ease.

Aidomo Emakhu should have netted when he got in one-on-one only to shoot straight at the Harps 'keeper in injury time.

Finn Harps - Gavin Mulreany; José Carrillo (Yoyo Mahdy 87), Conor Tourish, Elie N'Zeyi, Rob Slevin, Regan Donelon (Dylan Duncan 77); Filip Mihaljević, Bastien Héry, Ryan Connolly, Barry McNamee (Mark Timlin 87); Eric McWoods (Luke Rudden 66). Subs not used: Gerard Doherty, Mark Anthony McGinley, Damien Duffy, Nathan Logue, Jesse Devers. Ref: Oliver Moran

Derry game moved

The Finn Harps/Derry City Premier Division tie

Bonagee United

The USL team defeated Old Town in the Community Centre summer Cup goals Aaron Wasson 3, Micheal Doherty, Jack Park, Mark Harkin and Gareth Harkin. The senior ladies team defeated Drumbar with goals from Bronagh Gallagher 4, Caoimhne Heron 3, Gabrielle O'Donnell and Natalie Mc Fadden. They are away this Sunday to Cork City in the Woman's FAI senior cup to be played at Turner's Cross the game is live on LOI Tv at 2pm. The U14 girls were defeated 3-2 by Mulroy goals from Grainne Friel and Sophie Mc Kenna. The U12 div2 team defeated Keadue 5-0 Shay Reynolds 2, Kyle Carr 2 and Shay Doherty. The u14 Prem team were defeated 1-0 by Illistrin. The U14 girls defeated Finn Valley 5-3 Ellen Temple 4 and Sophie Doherty. The youth team were defeated 3-2 by Keadue. The U12 girls defeated Gweedore Celtic 5-1 Ellen Temple 2, Emma Kelly 2 and Isla Larkin. The club's AGM is this Saturday night 9th July in the Bonagee hall starting at 7pm and anyone wishing to attend the meeting is welcome to come along. Dancing every Wednesday night

has been moved due to the Candystripes involvement in Europe. The Northwest derby had been due to take place on Friday week the 15th of July but will now go ahead two days later on Sunday the 17th July at Finn Park (6pm kick-off). Derry will play Riga in Latvia next Thursday.

Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for Thursday 30th June. The numbers drawn were 5, 16, 20, 27. The next draw takes place on Thursday 7th July and the jackpot climbs to €1,500. There were no match 3 entries this week, so next week's match 3s will win or share €400. Enter via finnharps.ie

in the hall starting at 8pm. Anyone wishing to book the hall or Astro pitches can contact the club office on 9178787 for details.

Lagan Harps

The Club held very successful tournaments last Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to all the clubs who took part and the huge numbers that attended. Thanks to all the club members, coaches and parents that put in some tremendous work over the two days to make the event such a success. There was some great football played over two enjoyable days.

Johnny Kelly R.I.P.

The club was saddened to hear of the passing of former manager and clubman Johnny Kelly. Johnny was one of our earlier managers and contributed hugely to the development of the club. He was also one of life's true gentlemen. His sons, grandsons and now grandchildren have all played for the club through the years. To his wife Phyllis, all his family and friends we extend our sincere condolences. May he rest in peace.

Gorman makes Barnet move



Letterkenny man Dale Gorman has signed for National League side Barnet. The news was confirmed at the weekend as the midfielder makes the move from Yeovil Town who play in the same division. A former student at St. Eunan's College, Gorman began his career with Letterkenny Rovers before signing a scholarship with Stevenage in 2013. He broke into the Stevenage first-team during the 2015-16 season. The 26-year-old spent three seasons in the first-team before leaving in May 2018 to join National League outfit Leyton Orient. Dale helped the club earn promotion back to the Football League in his first season there. He spent two seasons at Leyton Orient, during which he also spent time on loan at Newport County, before being released in June 2020.

Gorman signed for Glentoran of the NIFL Premiership in September 2020. He has also represented Northern Ireland at U17, U19 and U21 level. Dale is the son of Anthony and Sheila Gorman. Anthony was a former academy player at Mansfield Town. He is also a former Finn Harps player and manager. He also played for Waterford and Linfield. Anthony is currently an assistant-manager at Irish League side Dungannon Swifts. Dale's two brothers Zach and Joel have also played at underage level for senior clubs. The brothers are grandsons of Tony Gorman, a hugely respected figure in Letterkenny underage football circles for many years. Barnet also known as 'The Bees' are based in Edgware in Greater London. They were relegated from League Two in 2018.

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July Sales

Wed 13th July - **Sheep Sale** 11.30am
 Wed 20th July - **Cattle Sale** 12noon
 Wed 27th July - **Sheep Sale** 11.30am

Booking for sheep on Tue evening prior to sale from 8.00pm to 8.30pm
 As from 1st July no calls will be made to sellers in relation to sale of animals. If office is not contacted 10 minutes after the animals go through the ring they are presumed SOLD.

Wool Collection every Tuesday evening from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and until further notice.

Milford Livestock Co-Operative Mart

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Will take place on Tuesday 19th July at 8.00pm in Travellers Inn, Milford
 All shareholders welcome.

Farm Land Wanted

Farm land wanted for long term rent Fanad / Kerrykeel / Milford/ Rathmullan area
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 Saturday 9th July
 Live Music with **Clement**



Dessee Dolan and Michael Crampsie organised a Car Vintage Show Charity event in Letterkenny on the 26th of June and they raised €2,771.99 for the Irish Wheelchair Association, Donegal. Michael and Dessee are pictured presenting the cheque to Caoimhe Begley. Also included are Philomena Gillen, Roisin Gallagher, Nicole Sheridan and Sorca Shinnars. The IWA wish to thank Dessee and Michael, all the volunteers and everyone who attended on the day or donated to the event.

Legal Notice

In The Matter of
J McLaughlin & Son 1888
 Public Bar Limited

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Sections 587 and 588 of the companies act 2014 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will take place on July 15th 2022 at 10am in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Ballymaleel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, F92 NFP, for the purposes as outlined in the above act.

World Athletics Championships

Boyce and English Oregon bound

Milford's Brendan Boyce and Letterkenny man Mark English have been named on the Irish team for the World Athletics Championships

which take place in Oregon, USA from Saturday 15th to Sunday the 24th of July.

Eleven athletes have been confirmed by Athletics Ireland for the competition including the two Finn Valley AC members. Boyce will go in the 35k which is a relatively new competitive distance for him while English will line up in the heats of his very familiar 800m event.



Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
 Donegal County Council

COMÓRTAIS EARCAÍOCHTA

Tá Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ar lorg iarratasóirí cáilithe do na poist seo a leanas:

- **Pleanálai Cúnta**

Tá sé beartaithe ag an Chomhairle painéal d'iarratasóirí cáilithe a chruthú óna líonfaidh muid folúntais de réir mar a thiocfaidh siad aníos.

Is é an dáta deiridh fá choinne foirmeacha iarratais comhlánaithe a bheith linn ná 12 meán lae: **Dé Luain, 25 Iúil 2022**

Tá Foirmeacha iarratais agus Tuilleadh Eolais ar fáil ag www.donegalcoco.ie.

Ní ghlacfar le hiarratais a gheofar mail.

Is fostóir comhionannas deiseanna í Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall.

RECRUITMENT COMPETITIONS

Donegal County Council is seeking applications from qualified candidates for the following positions:

- **Assistant Planner**

The Council proposes to form a panel of qualified candidates from which it will fill vacancies permanent or temporary as they arise.

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 12 noon on: **Monday, 25 July 2022**

Application Forms and Further Details are available at www.donegalcoco.ie.

No late applications will be accepted.

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Teresa joins ETB as ALO under FET delivering ESOL

A new Basic Education Coordinator, Ms Teresa Kealy, has been appointed by Donegal Education and Training Board (ETB). Teresa joins a team of five Adult Literacy Organisers (ALOs) across the county under its Further Education and Training (FET) Service, delivering tuition to adults in literacy, numeracy, digital skills, family learning and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).



Originally from Letterkenny, Teresa has previously worked with City of Dublin VEC/ETB in the post-primary and VTOS pro-

grammes and with Bank of Ireland Asset Management in Dublin. On relocating to Donegal, Teresa joined the Learning for Living team as a volunteer tutor followed by a number of roles within Donegal ETB's FET Service across VTOS, Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Quality Assurance and also Finance. Teresa holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) and a Masters of Business Studies in Finance from University College Dublin. She has also recently been awarded a Level 9 Special Purpose Award in Rec-

ognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

Speaking about her new appointment, Teresa said, "I am really looking forward to working with the Adult Literacy team and the Learning for Living programme which have always been to the forefront in many local and national initiatives. I am strongly of the view that literacy, numeracy and digital literacy is so important in all levels of learning and to everyone within our local communities. It is often the initial engagement for many people with the FET Service and I am delighted to be part of a strong team working to provide the necessary support and resources to meet the needs of our students."

Teresa takes up her appointment this month and is based in the Milford Further Education and Training Centre. She can be contacted at the centre by calling 074 91 53194 or emailing teresakealy@donegalcoco.ie.

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